



# Welcome to Year 6

**Theme** – Our theme for this term is **Land of the Free**. We will be looking at America and various geographical features associated with there, including climate zones and the characteristics and significance of the natural wonders of the Americas.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to your child's last year at primary school! Year 6 is an important year but a great one! Your child will be expected to work hard, but hopefully they will have a lot of fun too!

As I'm sure you're aware, we have SATs in May, but I will do my very best to make sure they are ready so they'll be fine. There is also lots more to look forward to in year 6 like the chance to be a prefect, being the new reception buddies and of course camp to name a few!

If you have any concerns or need to speak to me about anything at all, then please don't hesitate to contact me via email through the office at [admin@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk)

I look forward to working together to help your child achieve their very best this year and to getting to know you all better over the year too.

Kind regards

Mrs Lawday

**Homework** will be set on Tuesdays and should be handed in by the next Monday. Please feel free to bring it in whenever it's done though! Homework will consist of the normal encouragement for your child to practice their spellings, reading and times tables and I will be setting reading comprehensions and/or maths work. Sometimes this will be completed electronically and sometimes taken home. Times tables continues to be on TT Rockstars and is very important they know these well in preparation for SATs and going forward.

**TRIPS** There are no trips planned for this first term. I am aware that you will have the expense of year 6 camp this year along with bikeability and the end of year day out so will be keeping the rest to a minimum. I would love all the children to join us on camp this year as we have such a great time!

## RESOURCES

Please ensure that the following items are in school every day. Please label any items clearly.

**Water bottle** – No metal ones and it should have a sports top to stop spillages

**Healthy snack** (fruit or veg/**nut free** healthy cereal bars etc).

Please ensure your child has a pair of **wellies** in school as we will continue to use the field a lot more this year for our outdoor play. (Look out for the parent stay and play afternoon coming later this term too!).

**Pencil Cases** are not needed in school as these resources are provided by the school. Your child will be expected to look after any equipment they are given, so please encourage your child with this.

**PE kit.** This will need to be worn instead of uniform on the day of the PE lesson. For Year 6 this will be **Tuesday**. Please make sure this is the school PE kit consisting of plain black or navy bottoms with their team colour t-shirt. Long hair **must** be tied back and any jewellery removed.

**\*\*Please note, we will have to go back to changing in school if proper PE kit uniform isn't worn.**

We are hoping to **continue swimming** for the first few weeks of the new term though and year 6's day for this will be **Friday**.

### Reading -

Children are expected to read at home at least **3 times a week** and please sign your child's reading record when you do this. Alongside this, they will read to adults in class too. They will know the day and will be expected to have their books and reading records in school then. Children will change their reading books once a week (if on book bands), others can change their books when required. Children are allowed to take books from the class library to read and they will need a book in school to read during any reading for pleasure times.

**Class Text** – We will start the year looking at the book **The Final Year** by **Matt Goodfellow**

