

# Welcome to The Westgate Lower School



**Year 6 Transition Booklet 2023-24**

## Information for Parents and Carers

We hope you enjoy sharing this transition book with your child as they prepare for Year 6. We have included areas in the book that the children sometimes have particular questions about.

We are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you. Please contact us if you or your child have any queries.

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## The Year 6 Team

We are looking forward to you joining Year 6. These are the adults who will be working with you in Year 6.



**Mr Johnson**  
**Maple Class - Room**  
**13**



**Miss Pankhurst**  
**Sycamore Class -**  
**Room 14**



**Mrs Farrell**  
**Teaching Maths**  
**and English**

You will walk into school calmly between 8:40 and 8:50 through these gates and come through the double doors and go straight to your classroom. The first activity of the day is to get on quietly with your spellings and hand-writing.



At the end of the day, you will wait on the playground with your teacher until an adult comes to collect you. If your parents sign the permission slip, you will be allowed to walk home by yourself at 3:20pm or after a club.



## Year 6 Classrooms



**Maple Class: Room 13**



**Sycamore Class: Room 14**

There will still be a learning wall in your classroom to support your spelling, English and maths.

Sometimes, you will go to the Upper School for your learning and will be taught by different teachers.

We will still follow our Westgate Values:

- . Be Kind
- . Be Respectful
- . Be Responsible

We will continue to treat our school (and its equipment), the adults and the other children with respect.



## Important things to know about Year 6

In Year 6 you will still have break time at 11am, so please bring a healthy snack as Lunchtime will not be until 1:15pm.



There will be assemblies on 4 afternoons each week before you go home and we will have library time to pick new books each week.



## Important things to know about Year 6

At the start of Year 6, you will all be given a student planner to help you stay organised. Each week, your class teacher will set you small home learning tasks to complete. You will be able to write down what you need to do and when in your planner.



These will be things such as:

- Spellings
- Short maths tasks
- Reading
- Short English tasks
- TTS Rock Stars

You will still get a Home Learning Jigsaw with creative activities to complete.

You will also be able to use your planner to help you remember what you need to bring with you each day to school.

An adult from home will need to check and sign your planner each week to that you have completed your home learning. An adult in class will also check and sign your planner each week. This will help with getting ready for moving to Upper School next year.

## Important things to know about Year 6

In Year 6 you will need to bring in a small, plain pencil case with your name on. It can contain: a pencil, a blue handwriting pen, a black handwriting pen, a 15cm ruler and a glue stick. NO OTHER ITEMS OR NOVELTY ITEMS ARE ALLOWED PLEASE. It will be your responsibility to look after your belongings.

In Year 6 there will be lots of opportunities to get involved in clubs and other activities at school.

In September, there will be the opportunity to become House Captain for the Lower School.



AIR



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If you think this is something you would like to do, you will need to prepare a short speech to explain why you think you would make a good House Captain. All the children in your house will listen to the speeches and vote for House Captains.

There will be other leadership opportunities such as Eco Representative, School Council, Librarians and Learning Ambassadors.



# Year 6 Book List

Ideally, each child would benefit from having their own copy of the main English and Guided Reading texts each half term (see table below). There will be some copies available for use in school but if you are able to get hold of the texts for the Autumn Term over the summer, this will be a tremendous help to your child. We have included images of the front covers, so you can ensure you get the correct edition. They are all readily available in Waterstones or on Amazon. **HOWEVER TEMPTING, PLEASE DO NOT START READING THE BOOKS OVER THE SUMMER!**

Autumn 1 Learning Journey	Autumn 2 Learning Journey	Spring 1 Learning Journey	Spring 2 Learning Journey	Summer 1 Learning Journey	Summer 2 Learning Journey
 <p><b>Purpose:</b> Entertain and Inform <b>Audience:</b> Year 7 <b>Outcomes:</b> Information text/Report Formal Letters and Informal Letters Narrative to include persuasive speech Setting description</p>	 <p><b>Purpose:</b> Persuade, Inform, Entertain and Discuss. <b>Audience:</b> Other Year 6 class <b>Outcomes:</b> News Report and press release Letter Writing Poetry Information text/Report Discussion and persuasive writing Author visit.</p>	 <p><b>Purpose:</b> To Inform, Entertain and Persuade <b>Audience:</b> HIAS and parents <b>Outcomes:</b> Information text. Poetry Monologue Setting description Letter writing New Planet Presentations Persuasive writing Press release</p>	 <p><b>Purpose:</b> To Inform, Entertain and Persuade <b>Audience:</b> SLT <b>Outcomes:</b> Setting and character descriptions Narrative Persuasive writing Information text/Report Persuasive speech Letter Writing Press Release/News article</p>	 <p><b>Purpose:</b> To Inform, Discuss and Persuade <b>Audience:</b> Parents <b>Outcomes:</b> Letters list of rules character description diaries short playscripts short report guides</p>	 <p><b>Purpose:</b> To Inform, Entertain and Persuade <b>Audience:</b> Parents and other Year 6 class <b>Outcomes:</b> Informal Letters Understanding Language Poetry Diary writes Analysis writing Debates Shakespeare Week with Upper School</p>
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We will be using the CGP 10 minutes Reading, Maths and Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation books for home learning each week. We have purchased copies for every child at a discounted rate. These are available to purchase for £6.50 via the online payment system. Please could you pay for a set over the summer so that they can be given out at the start of term.