

Tuesday 6th July 2021

Dear Year 5 Sycamore Class,

After the rollercoaster of a year that we have all had (and survived), I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you to your new class in September 2021 – **Year 6 Meranti Class!** I am extremely excited to welcome you into Year 6 and cannot wait to share with you some of the incredible areas of the curriculum that we get to explore together. I have the absolute joy in telling you that I will once again be your Class Teacher for the year and both **Mrs Skull** and **Mrs Clarke**, your Learning Support Assistants, will be working with you all as well.



Mr Coren

Hi everyone! I thought I'd tell you a little bit about myself... for those of you who may have forgotten or can't remember! I am obsessed with crime and suspense stories, where I like to think of myself as a detective that solves mysteries! I love travelling and often try to get away to explore new countries and discover new cultures. I am an avid supporter of Brentford FC and enjoy playing 5-side football. I love country music and thoroughly enjoy seeing bands perform live! I spend time with my mum, two brothers and dog, and enjoy socialising with my friends whenever I can!



Mrs Skull

Hello! What would you like to know about me? I have two grown-up daughters, one grandson and one granddaughter, who I love spending time with! In my spare time, I like to read a lot of fictional stories and try to discover new ways to prank Mr Coren! I enjoy spending time in the garden where I grow tomatoes, peppers and herbs. I think it's really important to spend time with family and friends where we can all have a good giggle... as long as I am the one laughing at the end!



Mrs Clarke

Hello pips! So what can I tell you about me? I have boys who love to spend their weekends playing football and cricket – this means I have a lot of dirty clothes to wash. I really love listening to music of all different genres. I am passionate about clothes and love spending my time designing new clothes as a fashion stylist. I love having a laugh with all of my friends! Just remember, laughter makes the world go round... so let's spend Year 6 laughing and having fun!

What to expect...

You may already be thinking about what to expect going into Year 6. A lot of time and hard work is spent preparing for the SATs in May and some of you may be feeling a little bit anxious about those tests. I would like to reassure you by telling you that you do not need to worry. Mrs Skull, Mrs Clarke and myself are going to be with you every step of the way and are here to help you to achieve your very best. As a Year 6 team, we will all be working together to help and support you throughout this journey. It may seem daunting now, but I am certain you will be full of confidence when the time comes to sit the tests.



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Year 6 is not entirely about SATs though! Whilst there will be a few challenges along the way, we will also have heaps of fun this year and some of your highlight moments from school take place in Year 6, which I hope that you will remember fondly. This year we are fortunate enough to be able to have a term of swimming lessons, which for Meranti Class will take place during the Autumn term, every Friday afternoon at William Penn Leisure Centre. You will have the opportunity and responsibility this year of taking on prefect roles, helping out during school assemblies and representing the school through many other school events. This year, it is once again possible for us to plan school trips and I already can't wait for our end of year escapade to PGL, where we will create memories through life-enriching adventures that will stay with us all forever! Of course, there is the Year 6 school production, which is your chance to take to the stage and lights and bid a final farewell to Harefield Junior School before embarking on the next chapter of your life, secondary school. This year there is genuinely so much to offer!

Our Creative Curriculum!

Next year, we will ration our supplies and prepare for war by discovering how the First and Second World Wars impacted the lives of children. We will travel 5,126 miles to explore the Amazon Rainforest and its incredible biodiversity, where we will investigate the reasons for deforestation and how we can help prevent further destruction. Furthermore, we will get our blood pumping as we explore the human heart and its role in keeping us alive and healthy. Who knows... maybe we'll discover some little inventors as we also investigate electrical circuits and understand how they work!

There will be numerous opportunities for the children of Meranti Class to share their learning through themed days and project work linked to other areas of the curriculum too!

If you have any questions or would just like to touch base, you can contact me on our current class email sycamoreclass@harefieldjunior.com and I will get back to in due course (please note this will change next year).

I hope you stay safe and have a fantastic summer! Make sure you are re-energised and ready to go when September rolls around. I can't wait to discover (with you) the hidden gems that Year 6 has to offer; we are going to have another incredible year together!

Mr Coren