

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Y6 Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 6 at Connaught Junior School! We cannot quite believe that your child is now in Year 6 and starting their last year here with us. We do hope you have all had a relaxing summer and are looking forward to getting back into the routine of a new school year. We have a jam-packed year ahead and want the children to make the most of all the opportunities ahead of them!

Our first priority is to help all the children settle into the new year. We have a wonderful team of Year 6 teachers this year, including two teachers who have taught the cohort before and have existing relationships and knowledge of the children. In these first weeks, we will be busy getting to know them and understanding how best we can support them in school. Should your child have any concerns or worries about their new class, please do encourage them to speak to their class teacher so that it can be resolved quickly.

Curriculum

We are starting this year with a fascinating geography topic on **North America**. Attached with this letter is our theme overview, which gives you some information regarding the key themes we will be covering and detail on the topic for the term ahead. Please read this carefully, as it will give you a good understanding of the topics being covered with your child over this half term. We encourage you to discuss the questions and key vocabulary with your child both before and during their learning on this topic.

PE

PE is timetabled for **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. On PE days, children must come into school in their PE kits. Please note that earrings must not be worn for PE and the children should be able to remove these themselves. Sometimes PE kit does get lost, so please make sure your child's belongings are all named so we can find them again easily.

Pencil Cases

Please ensure that your child's pencil case is fully stocked. They need the following items: handwriting pens, whiteboard pens, pencils, colouring pencils, a red pen for marking and editing, a glue stick, a rubber, a pencil sharpener, a pair of scissors and a 30cm ruler. We kindly ask that children do not use erasable handwriting pens as we want to be able to see their corrections and celebrate their editing.

One thing we have found useful in the past is for children to also have their own mini-dictionary and thesaurus. The children's spelling and word choices are advanced through having an easily accessible tool of their own to use during our writing lessons - last year we used them on a daily basis! Please note this is entirely optional as we have some available in school.

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Deputy Headteacher: Miss K Whiting

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Homework

Our approach to homework at Connaught has been designed to give parents and guardians the flexibility to manage how and when they fit homework into their family life. All homework will be **set on a Monday** and needs to be **completed by the following Monday**. If it is not completed by the Tuesday, children will be asked to give up 20 minutes of their Tuesday lunchtime in order to complete it.

Each week the children will be required to do the following homework tasks:

- **Read at least 5 times a week.** This needs to be recorded on the white pages adjacent to the diary section in the homework diary.
- **SPaG sheet.** This will cover a different area of Spelling, Punctuation or Grammar each week. It should be completed in the back pages of their maths homework book.
- **Talk homework.** This will be linked to the theme of the week and is the same across the school.
- **Arithmetic maths sheet.** This reflects the maths learning from the previous week with the aim of helping children to practise their core skills and consolidate their learning.
- **Times Table Rock Stars at least 5 times a week.** Times tables are a vital part of Year 6 maths. Children benefit from practising these every day at home to help improve their accuracy and speed of recall.
- **Spelling Shed at least 5 times a week.** Each week, the children will have a set of words to practise on Spelling Shed. We find it most helpful to practise these a little bit every day.

SATs

Year 6 is the year when the children sit their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). These are scheduled to take place for this year group in the week beginning Monday 10th May 2027. We will endeavour to give your children all the support they require in order to achieve their best possible outcome in these assessments and hope to work collaboratively with pupils and parents/carers alike in order to achieve this. We will be giving out more information about the SATs nearer the time and will also be welcoming you into school for an information evening in early 2026.

And finally...

If you have any questions or concerns, then please do get in touch. Please email us directly on our class email addresses and we will respond within 48 hours e.g. everest@cjs.tamat.org.uk. Alternatively, you can phone or email the school office. We always aim to foster positive relationships with our parents so if you have a question about anything, approaching us directly is the best way forward to ensure that we can support you effectively.

Kind Regards

Mrs Bell

Miss Fidge

Mrs Meredith

Mrs Gibson

Miss Ratcliffe

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