



## Welcome to Year 6!

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a good break and is ready for the new school year ahead (and Tower Wood next week!) I am delighted to be teaching your child for their final year at Middleforth. This is a new and exciting year with many challenges and responsibilities, as well as trips and fun! We will of course be helping your child work towards the key stage 2 SATs in May 2018 and also preparing them for the start of high school next year. Your help and support will make a huge difference. For this term, Mrs Moir will be teaching Y6 on a Friday morning and Mrs Cobb in the afternoon. We are also very fortunate to have the help of 2 wonderful Teaching Assistants: Mrs Casey and Mrs Craig. As well, we also have a volunteer helper every Tuesday when Mrs Range comes in to help with Maths. I hope your child will enjoy their time in Y6.

**Y6 Topics** – An overview of the work Y6 children will be learning about this term can be found on our class page, on the Middleforth school website.

**Sing Together Concert** - As in other years we will also be taking part in 'Sing Together' which is part of the Y6 Music curriculum. We will welcome members of the 'Sing Together' team into our class who will teach the children a variety of different songs ready for us to perform at St. George's Hall, Blackburn. This will be held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – more details to follow.

**Homework** is handed out on a Thursday this term. It will comprise of a Reading Comprehension, a Grammar online practise task, a list of spellings to learn and a Maths task linked to work in class online using My Maths . Homework is due for completion / handed in the following Wednesday and a register will be taken to record who has completed it. It is really important that children bring back their homework on a Wednesday as we do go through it in class and your child will be unable to fully benefit if they do not have their work. Please encourage your child to find a regular time to complete homework, take care with the quality and presentation and, of course hand it in on time. Daily Reading should also be a regular part of your child's routine and a variety of texts should be encouraged to include fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

**P.E** will be every Tuesday this half term and we will be participating in Sportshall Athletic Events, preparing for the annual competition held at Priory on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Please ensure your child has the correct kit and that it is clearly labelled. Please provide a pair of dark coloured tracksuit pants/light waterproof jacket for outdoor lessons.

**Y6 Meeting** - There will be an evening meeting for Y6 parents and Y6 children to discuss this important final year on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. It will include information about the SATs tests that the children will take in May 2017. This is a good opportunity to view some previous test papers, look at support materials and ask any questions you may have. There is also the opportunity to order revision materials to help your child at home.

**Tower Wood** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

**Moving onto High School** – May I also remind you that you must complete your preference for your chosen high school before the end of October 2017. This is now all completed online, however, if you require any advice with this please do just ask. Alternatively, please see me at the Y6 meeting at the end of September.

I look forward to meeting you at our Parent/Teacher meeting later this term. In the meantime, if there is anything you would like to discuss prior to this date then please do catch me after school at the gate or make an appointment.

Mrs J. Higham  
(Y6 Teacher)

