

Dear Year 6 parents/carers,

A warm welcome back and we hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. We are excited to start this new academic year and hope you and your child enjoys the year ahead with us at Darlinghurst Academy.

Our year group leader in year 6 is Mrs Dunne. Teaching staff are Mr Turner, Miss Zaher, Mrs Hahn, Mr Porter and Mrs Rosso. Our support staff are Mrs Jones, Mrs Dorrell, Mrs Pearce and Mrs Carnell. We would like to welcome new children to the year group: Daniel and Jadie.

We start the year off with our topic 'Out of this World'. This topic has a Science focus where children will be exploring space and our solar system. Our curriculum overview maps out the coverage in detail, which can be found on the website, <http://darlinghurst.uk/curriculum/connected-curriculum> do please take a look.

One of the highlights of this topic will be an Education Workshop called 'Space Virtual Reality'. This workshop will be held here at Darlinghurst. Details and costings will follow. This workshop will support and enrich the learning within our topic this term.

As part of the broad and balanced curriculum, we will have daily maths, writing and reading/phonics lessons, including discrete sessions on mental maths, times tables, grammar, spelling and handwriting. Specialist sessions PE, Drama, Art and Outdoor Learning are built into our broad and balanced curriculum and we ensure that all of our children have access to specialist provision. PE days will be on Mondays.

However, children should have their kit in school every day; this should consist of: shorts, t-shirt, trainers and jogging bottoms. **Please ensure that all items in the kit are clearly labelled. Earrings must not be worn on days when your child has P.E. Shoulder/long hair needs to be tied up for P.E. sessions.**

Children in Year 6 will have weekly lessons in Spanish and children will have many opportunities to practice basic Spanish phrases on a regular basis – please ask them to share their new learning with you. You can follow our learning via News and Views, twitter and the website. We recognise the importance of home learning and encourage all children to practise their times tables, spellings and reading at home frequently in order to develop and rehearse core skills. Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or year group leader via the office, email (mrsdunne@darlinghurst.co.uk) or in person.

We look forward to a wonderful and exciting year ahead.

Kind regards
The Year 6 Team