



YEAR SIX



Welcome to Year 6



Well, it finally arrived: Year 6's first couple of weeks at school. After a long summer holiday

break, the children started their first term of their final year of primary school... and what an amazing start to the year it was! The weather raised its game and so did our students. We kicked off our first week with a recap and review of place value in maths; a journey to South America and the Amazon Rainforest in Reading Masters; exploring hidden secrets of the Rainforest in our writing and launched our topic 'Under the Canopy' where students planned their own route and journey to Brazil from Dereham. The children have worked so hard and it has been a pleasure teaching our new cohort of Year 6.

Our School Council

Introducing our School Council for the final year at Dereham Juniors. These impressive students were each voted for by their classes after delivering their 'speeches of a life-time'. Brimming full of ideas and suggestions of what they could bring to the role, the representatives are eager to begin liaising with both Mrs. Scott and Mr. Dack during their fortnightly meetings. We look forward to them each updating us on their endeavours.



Shakespeare Bevan

Council Deputy Council Deputy



Tabei Malala

Council Deputy Council Deputy



Our Class Reader

We have introduced a new book into our Reading Spine: 'The Final Year' written by Matt Goodfellow. It is told from a Year Six student's viewpoint as they enter their final year of Primary school. It is both a moving and powerful story, told in verse, about finding your voice, your place and your people... Please do find time to discuss the story with your child.



A brilliant read! Winner of the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize and the Blue Peter Book Award.



Found floating in a cello case on the English Channel, Sophie is an orphan who takes matters into her own hands and is desperate to find her mother using the only clue she has - the address of a cello-maker in Paris. On the run from the authorities, Sophie meets a network of 'rooftoppers' - urchins who walk tightropes and live in the sky. A classic adventure story about pursuing your dreams and never ignoring a possibility.

Important Information

Bevan PE days

Outdoor- Tuesday

Indoor- Friday

Shakespeare PE Days

Outdoor- Tuesday

Indoor- Friday

Malala PE Days

Outdoor- Monday

Indoor- Thursday

Tabei PE Days

Outdoor- Wednesday

Indoor- Monday

Homework is set and due in on a Friday.

Uniform Reminder

We have been SO impressed with the children's smart uniform - well done Year 6.

Just a couple of reminders:

- ◆ Please ensure that children wear completely black school shoes or trainers on non PE days.
- ◆ Please ensure correct PE kit is worn and long hair tied back.
- ◆ Normal uniform may be worn instead of a PE kit.

Key dates

High school open evenings:

- 2nd October 2024- Northgate High School
- 10th October 2024 - Neatherd High School

See specific websites for more information.

Deadline for High School Applications:

- 31st October 2024

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Parents' evenings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Wednesday 16th October 3:30-7:00 pm ▶ Thursday 17th October 3.30 -6:15 pm
Trip to Sainsbury Art Centre – Benin (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Wednesday 19th March or Wednesday 26th March TBC
SATS Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May 2025
Sports Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 25th June (provisional date)
PGL Residential to Caythorpe Court, Lincolnshire (PROVISIONAL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Sunday 29th June - Wednesday 2nd July 2024
Leavers' Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Thursday 17th July - am
Leavers' Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Thursday 17th July - pm
High School Transition Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Friday 18th / Monday 21st /Tuesday 22nd July

Under The Canopy.

Brazil

Located in the continent of South America, Brazil is the fifth largest country in the World. It has a population of over 190 million and the main language spoken is Portuguese. While it is quite a wealthy country, around 1 in 5 live in poverty (are extremely poor). Brazil is famous for its flamboyant carnivals and it is the largest coffee producer in the World.



Threats to the Rainforest.

Rainforests are key in sustaining human activity, for example, they provide us with Oxygen, food, materials and medicines.

Due to deforestation (the clearing of a wide area of trees), every minute, an area of rainforest the size of a football pitch is cut down. Deforestation occurs for a number of reasons, for example: logging for timber and paper production; land clearance for animal grazing and crops as well as to build roads and dig mines.



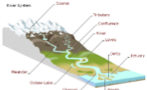
Many people are concerned about deforestation. It can cause soil erosion (which can cause floods or landslides), habitat loss, species extinction, drought and even contribute to climate change.

Classification

Animals can be divided into groups or 'classified' by looking at the similarities and differences between them. Animals are divided into two main groups: animals that have a backbone are called vertebrates; animals that don't have a backbone are called invertebrates.

Vertebrates and invertebrates are divided into smaller groups. Vertebrates, for example, are divided into fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

There are many different groups of invertebrates too. They include invertebrates which have soft bodies such as jellyfish, worms and molluscs (like slugs and squids). There are also groups of invertebrates with hard bodies, such as insects, crustaceans and spiders.



The Amazon River
The Amazon River carries more water than any other river. It is about 4,000 miles (6,400 kilometers) long; only the River Nile in Africa is longer.

The Amazon Rainforest

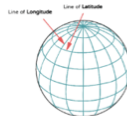
Brazil is home to the World's largest rainforest. The Amazon Rainforest. Rainforests are a type of forest habitat. Found in the warmer parts of the world, rainforests spread over large areas and consist of very tall, green trees and plants. Due to their locations on Earth, rainforests are named rainforests due to the high amount of rainfall they experience annually. With a warm and wet climate, they are a habitat for thousands of rare and exotic animal species.

'Under the Canopy' Knowledge Organiser

What are biomes?

Biomes are areas of the planet with similar climates, landscapes, animals and plants. What lives in each biome depends on:

- how warm or cold it is
- how dry or wet it is
- how fertile the soil is



1. Rainforests

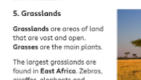
Tropical rainforests are hot and wet all year round. They are home to half of all the different types of plants and animals on the planet.



3. Savannahs

The savannah is hot all year round with a long, dry season.

Only grasses and shrubs grow here. It is home to lots of different types of animals such as elephants, zebras and wildebeest.



5. Grasslands

Grasslands are areas of land that are vast and open. Grasses are the main plants.

The largest grasslands are found in East Africa. Zebras, giraffes, elephants and rhinos all live in grasslands.



2. Deserts

Deserts are dry all year round. Only a few plants might grow, such as small shrubs or cacti, because the soil is shallow and rocky. Animals come out at dusk when it is cooler.



4. Woodlands

Woodlands are habitats where the main plants found are trees, but mosses, ferns and lichen can also be found.

The climate is warm and mild, with more rain falling in the winter than in the summer.



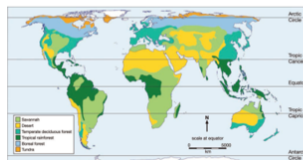
6. Tundra

The tundra is the coldest of all the biomes. There is very little rain or snow and the temperatures are freezing. Winters are long and summers are short. Part of the soil is frozen all year round, although the top part thaws in the summer and plants such as mosses can grow.



Human Geography

Favelas - Large housing areas which have developed without proper planning. These areas often have no water pipes or sewerage systems. The streets are so narrow that only motorbikes can get through them!



Click on the link below to view in more detail:



Link to the Year Six Curriculum section on our website:

