



KING'S LANDER  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

# Y6 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Spring Term: 6th January – 27th March 2026

## Welcome: Happy New Year!

We hope you enjoyed a lovely, restful break and are looking forward to the term ahead. We have plenty to look forward to in Year 6! Your child will continue to be taught by Mrs Bailey from Monday to Wednesday and by Mr Sheerin on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Maths:** This term we will be focussing on decimals, measure, word problems and percentages. Our Maths lessons will be delivered through our Maths No Problem curriculum. We will also be continuing daily Fluent in Five and Rapid Reasoning activities to develop our mental arithmetic skills and will be including additional arithmetic sessions each week. This term we will be completing a number of assessments to track your child's progress. This is a great opportunity for us to develop your child's stamina, confidence and test technique in Maths! Your child is expected to know all multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and all corresponding division facts. We can't stress enough how much this knowledge impacts on many concepts in Maths. Please support your child by practising regularly with them and encouraging them to use Times Table Rock Stars at home.

**English:** In English this term we will be focussing on a wide range of genres including discovery narrative and explanation texts. We will be using the 'Origin of the Species' by Sabina Rediva and 'The Ways of the Wolf' by Smriti Halls as our vehicle texts. In addition to this, pupils will have grammar, spelling and comprehension lessons to develop and support their comprehension skills, spelling strategies and punctuation and grammar understanding. We will also be continuing with our Accelerated Reader programme. Y6 all have personal targets based on their reading; this could be to read more fiction or non-fiction, to focus on journalling skills or increasing their number of tests or 100% quizzes; please talk to your child about what they are working on in class as this also forms part of their homework. We will be continuing to hold half-termly 'Starbooks' reward sessions for ten 100% scores in quizzes! Please ensure that your child has their Chromebook and reading folder in school every day as we will have regular Accelerated Reading sessions in class throughout the week.

**Science:** This term we will complete our topic 'How Light Travels,' before focusing on 'Electricity' in Physics. Pupils will learn to understand how number and voltage of cells affect components and use symbols to represent circuit diagrams. Our Biology topic for this half term is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. Children will be classifying living things including micro-organisms, learning to understand reasons for classification, developing an understanding of fossils and evolution, as well as offspring variation and environmental adaptation. Your child will continue to develop their working scientifically skills by setting up and completing fair investigations.

**Opening Worlds:** In Geography, the children will continue learning about Ethiopia. This will include finding out about climate, landscape (including Great Rift Valley), population, biomes, major cities, rural life, and sustainable futures including the challenges faced due to climate change, and UN sustainable development goals.

In History, we will be looking at medieval African Kingdoms and in R.E, we continue learning about the Sikhism. The children will develop their understanding moving away from the history of the religion to focus more on Sikhism in the modern world.

**Spanish:** Hola todos! Our Spanish topics this term are 'The Planets' and 'The Weekend'. We will continue to apply the vocabulary learned during this unit to written, spoken, reading and writing activities. Children really enjoy the interactivity these lessons bring and we are becoming confident linguists!

**Physical Education:** PE will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week. Our topics this term are gymnastics and tag rugby. Please make sure your child has their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school on Monday each week. Due to unpredictable weather, we may need to have more indoor PE sessions, so it is important your child is equipped for both.

**Computing:** We are having computing lessons every other week. This term we will be learning about artificial intelligence: the children will learn about how it is used, how it has been developed and how it works, as well as considering the moral and environmental effects of its use.

**Music:** Our lessons this term are based around the music of Carole King and her role in the world of popular music. In addition to this, target children will continue to receive 1:1 instrumental tuition.

**Personal, Social, Health Education:** Our PSHE sessions will be delivered through King's Adventure, which is brand new to King's Lander this academic year! This half-term Year 6 will be developing their teamwork skills by taking on a range of team challenges and next half-term our topic will be 'Young Life Savers.'

**My Happy Mind:** Children are really enjoying our My Happy Mind sessions, focussed on developing understanding of mental wellbeing. This term we are focussing on gratitude. The children will be considering what they are grateful for in terms of their experiences, personal qualities and others around them.

**Homework:** Homework will be set every Friday and collected in the following Friday; this will be posted on Google Classroom. Your child should also ensure that they read and journal throughout the week, ready to quiz on their book on school. We expect two journals to be completed at home each week. Pupils should also spend time working on their multiplication and division facts on 'Times Table Rockstars' online. We encourage children to be more responsible and ensuring they complete homework each week is a good step to get them high school ready! Children who do not complete homework will be given opportunity to during lunch time.

**Other Information:**

**Year 6 drop-in:** Our drop-in day after school, should you need to speak to us, is a Monday from 3:15pm-4:00pm. If this is not convenient, please contact the school office and we can make alternative arrangements.

**Key-dates:**

Weekly Y6 Spelling Breakfast Club starts on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 8am.

Weekly Y6 Maths Tuition After School Club starts on Wednesday January: 3:15pm – 4pm.

Y6 trip to The World Museum in Liverpool: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**Class Teachers: Mrs Bailey and Mr Sheerin**