

Year 6WH Autumn Newsletter 2026

Welcome to the Autumn Term and welcome back to New Delaval Primary School! We hope everyone enjoyed the summer break and is ready for an exciting year ahead. We are delighted to be working with 6WH as they begin their final year of primary school. Having previously taught many of the children in Year 4, it is lovely to continue their learning journey into Year 6.

This term, we will explore two exciting topics: Crime and Punishment, followed by Our Changing World. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead!

In our Crime and Punishment topic, children will learn:

- How crime and punishment has developed and changed from Roman Britain to our modern world today.
- How our current legal system works and who helps keep us safe.
- The main advances within prisons today compared to Victorian Britain.

In Our Changing World topic, children will consider...

- Reasons why people migrate.
- The journey of refugees to Britain.
- The impact climate change is having on our world.
- Map work – locating countries using geographical skills, where many refugees come from.



One of our class texts this term will be **'Holes'** by Louis Sachar to link with our crime and punishment topic. After half term, we will read **'Coming to England'** by Floella Benjamin, linked to our migration topic.



Other curriculum learning in Yr6:

- Daily basic skills sessions
- Basketball coaching and NUF sessions.
- English genres such as suspense, poetry and information texts.
- Daily SPaG sessions
- Daily shared reading sessions
- Chances to work on Reading Plus, TTRS and Athletics.
- Computing: Networks

Our science topics this term will be Animals including Humans and Evolution and Inheritance.

Organisation: PE will be on a **Monday** afternoon and **Wednesday** afternoon.

Spellings lists will be handed out for children to practise at home. Please encourage this as much as possible. There will be a focused session every week for children to further explore spelling patterns within these lists. Homework will be distributed on a Monday and will vary between paper handouts and online learning. Please ensure homework is returned on the following Monday to avoid missing break. There is an opportunity to complete homework during break times if necessary.

Children will receive a home reading book and reading diary, which they must bring to school every day. We encourage reading daily at home and **expect 3 sessions** to be signed in their reading records/diaries or they will receive a break time consequence. Reading diaries will be checked on a Monday morning.