

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter—January 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable break and we are pleased to have the children back in the classroom and ready to learn! This term is a very important one, so please take time to read the messages below:

Curriculum:

As we move into 2024, we are getting closer to the SATs. As you are aware, these exams will test pupils knowledge from the years 3, 4, 5 and 6 curriculum. Whilst we work hard to ensure that children have all the knowledge needed for the examinations, we also require the support from parents and carers at home. For a lot of children in Year 6, their own reading ability is holding them back at this point and will stop them from reaching their full potential. If they do not read at home, regularly, this will not improve and will continue to hinder them as they progress into secondary school this year.

We ask that children read for a minimum of 20 minutes each evening preferably with an adult; however, we understand that this can be difficult on some days. Our expectations of this Year 6 class are incredibly high and the majority of children do engage with their reading at home. If you need any support at all with this, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Homework:

Homework is given to all Year 6 pupils on a Friday afternoon with the expectation that it is handed in on Wednesday as we are trying to prepare them for shorter deadlines when they move to Year 7 in September.

Maths homework: This will always consolidate skills taught in that week or require children to retrieve skills taught in previous weeks. The purpose of this is to ensure they have regular opportunities to practice these skills so that they do not lose them.

Reading homework: Our reading homework will always be a comprehension text where they will use the skills we have looked at to answer a range of questions whilst exposing them to different genres and concepts.

Weekly activities:

Our PE lessons take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that children come in the correct kit to be able to fully access the lessons.

Our weekly library slot is on a Wednesday, please ensure that your children return books that they have borrowed so they can continue to use the library as an amazing resource.



Punctuality:

We expect children to begin arriving at 8.40am. We are always sat down in our seats and working at 8.50am—ready for the day.

There are a small number of children who are consistently late and therefore missing a large amount of the teaching activities each morning.

This is having a massive impact on their learning. Please ensure that children are in school on time each day.

Contact details:

I am always available via email and happy to talk. If you would prefer to speak to me on the phone, send me an email and I will call you back.

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