

Welcome to Year 6 Information Letter



Welcome to Year 6. We look forward to working with you and your child from September.

The Year 6 teaching staff for September are:



The children enter school 8.30 - 8.35 am. The school day ends at 3.15pm.
The teachers will see their classes out from their classrooms on the playground.

PE/ Forest School

In Year 6, we have 2 PE sessions per week. Indoor PE will be every Wednesday. The children will need shorts and a t-shirt. The school PE kit is black shorts with a red or white t-shirt. This is compulsory and any children not wearing the correct PE kit will be asked to change. Outdoor PE/ Forest School sessions will be every Thursday and the children will need shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers for PE and weather appropriate clothing for Forest School. Long hair must be tied up for PE and no earrings are allowed. Details will follow, advising which Thursdays your child will require a PE/ Forest School kit.



Topic

Our first topic in Year 6 is 'WW2 - the Battle of Britain'. We will be learning about the allied and axis powers, types of battle and the Home Front. We also learn important DT skills as we design and make our own Anderson Shelters. During the Autumn term, we are planning an exciting World War 2 Day where the children will be invited to dress up in a costume from this era (a letter regarding this will follow).



School Trips

Hopefully, we will be able to visit the Warner Bros Studio Tour in March/ April 2024 to view the film sets. This exciting day will be used to stimulate a wide range of writing activities. We also welcome a range of visitors linked to our topics throughout the year.

SATs week

Year 6 will sit their SATs tests during the week beginning 13th May 2024. More details regarding these tests will follow and a meeting will be arranged during the Spring Term.

Online learning platforms

Each child will have their own login for Spelling Shed, Maths Shed, Purple Mash and Times Tables Rock Stars. We use these programmes in school and the children are also able to access these at home. This supports them with their weekly spellings, times tables and development of curriculum skills.



Homework

In Year 6, we encourage every child to read at least 3x a week at home. We reward their commitment to this reading challenge with 'Well Done' tickets and Dojo points. Every child is given 20 weekly spellings to learn. We learn the spelling pattern in school but we also encourage children to practise their weekly spellings at home. This can be done on Spelling Shed. Weekly spellings are given out on a Friday and a spelling test is completed the following Friday. Maths and English homework will be set weekly. Homework is set on a Friday and due in the following Friday. Each child will be provided with an English and Maths homework book.

Break time

In Year 6, we use the playground and have our break time at the same time as Year 4 and 5 children. Please send your child into school with a healthy snack.

Lunchtime

At lunchtime, school dinners and packed lunches will be eaten in the main hall. On Fridays, lunch will be eaten in class due to the earlier finish time.

Wellbeing

In Year 6, we value the children's wellbeing and the importance of allowing children the opportunity to relax. We have weekly relaxation sessions and weekly PSHE sessions where we are able to discuss and manage issues and worries that have arisen during the week. We also cover the importance of friendships, being respectful and good manners.

Growth Mindset

In Year 6, we encourage the children to have a positive Growth Mindset. This is modelled to the children in every lesson by the adults. When a positive Growth Mindset is demonstrated, we actively celebrate, reinforce and reward these behaviours. It is important for the children to be resilient and understand that we learn from our mistakes.



Secondary Schools

Open days for the secondary schools will be early in the Autumn term. It is vital that you attend these in order to make an informed decision about where your child will attend. **It is the parent's responsibility for applying to secondary school and applications must be received by October 31st.**

Year 6 Highlights

To be part of an immersive experience as a child in WW2 for a day.

A chance to visit Warner Brother's Studios

The opportunity to explore the dance genre of Lindy Hop.