

Welcome to Year 6



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting new school year! We are all really looking forward to supporting your child/children as they return to school and working with them during this important year.

As you may be aware, Year 6 will be an exciting year but perhaps the most challenging of your child's school life so far; we will provide support for your child/children throughout the year to help them to experience continued success but will ensure that it is also a year packed with memorable activities. There are a few areas we would just like to remind you about as we get the year started.

If there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to drop us a message on Class Dojo.

We look forward to working together this year.

Kind regards,

Miss Legg and Mrs Dobson

Drinks and snacks

The children are allowed to bring in fruit, vegetables and two plain biscuits from home each day. They are only allowed to eat their plain biscuits at afternoon break. All children also need to bring in a **labelled** water bottle, which is kept in the classroom and is available to drink from throughout the day. The children are only allowed water in their bottles. If your child brings packed lunches, they will need an additional drink and this can be water, fruit juice or squash.



PE

We do outdoor PE on **Wednesdays** and indoor PE on **Thursdays**.

Games and P.E are compulsory for all children, except for those permanently excluded on health grounds. If this is the case, a note from the child's GP must be sent into the school. For those children suffering from minor ailments, a brief note or Class Dojo message must be sent into the class teacher prior to the P.E lesson taking place.

We are asking children to **come into school wearing their P.E kit**, when it is their class P.E day. Suitable clothing for P.E is essential and we are asking for the following to be worn:

- Plain black shorts,
- Completely plain white t-shirt or completely plain t-shirt in your child's house colour (the school logo is allowed),
- Appropriate sports' trainers that can be used within PE lessons (ideally black),
- Plain, black sweatshirt/zip-up top,
- Black jogging bottoms or black leggings.
- Black daps to change into when outdoor shoes are wet or muddy

With the same uniform being worn by all the children, please do label all your child's clothing and equipment.

All children with long hair must have it tied up on PE days and no jewellery may be worn. **If your child cannot remove their earrings, you must provide them with plasters or micropore tape for them to be safely covered.**



Swimming

This year, we will be swimming in a block of time, so in year 6, children will swim every afternoon for 1 week. Therefore, we will be swimming on **Monday 8th September until Friday 12th September**

Children will be walking to and from the pool to reduce costs. We will need to walk even if it is raining so **it is important that children bring in a spare set of clothes** to change into in case we get very wet and also bring **wet weather gear like waterproof coat and trousers** to wear.

Girls must wear a one-piece costume and boys must be in trunks (not Bermuda shorts as they could drag them down in the water). Experience shows that the incorrect style of swimwear could hinder learning. Swimming hats are recommended. For safety reasons no jewellery (including earrings) should be worn and hair must be tied back. Goggles may be worn – we strongly suggest they are labelled with the child's name and their school. Pupils may swim with a verruca unless their doctor advises otherwise.

Children change in group changing rooms (one for boys, another for girls) with adults supervising from outside. To aid independent changing, all clothing should be named.



Home learning

In order to support your child's progress in school, please give time to learning at home.

Reading: Your child will bring home a staged book and a 'richer read' book each week. The staged book is matched to their developing fluency and comprehension skills, whereas the 'richer read' is not. The 'richer read' will have been chosen by your child because they are interested in the subject / author / genre and its purpose is to continue to promote a love of books and reading.

We aim for every child to read at home at least four times a week. When children do read at home, and have their reading journal signed by an adult, they can receive a 'punch' on their 'Reading Reward Punch Card'.



When they have read at home 20 times, they will have completed their punch card and will be celebrated in ICA assembly. There are three different levels of punch card - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each time your child completes a level they will be rewarded with a different incentive.

Bronze = ICA celebration and a special sticker

Silver = ICA celebration and a special pencil

Gold = ICA celebration and a book from the Golden Box.

We hope that you will join us in promoting a love of reading and supporting your child in working towards earning a Golden Box book of their choice!

Homework: Homework will be given each week through the blog you will receive through Class Dojo. It will include key termly dates, an update of their learning and their homework activities. These will be discussed in class and there will be time for the children to share how they have got on.

TT RockStars: All children will have their own individual log in to this website. TT RockStars has a focus on supporting children in developing their confidence in times table recall.

An example timetable for our week

This is obviously subject to change, but here is an overview of what a typical week of learning in Year 6 might look like.

Day	9-9.15	9.15-9.35	9.35-10.40	10.40-10.55	10.55-12.00	12.00-1.00	1.00-2.00	2.00-2.20	2.20-2.30	2.30-3.30
Monday	SPAG	Reading	Writing	Break	Maths	Lunch	Whole school	Curriculum	Break	Curriculum
Tuesday	SPAG	Reading	Writing	Break	Maths	Lunch	Church	Computing	Break	RE
Wednesday	SPAG	Reading	Writing	Break	Maths	Lunch	Class worship	Outdoor PE	Break	Music/French
Thursday	SPAG	Reading	Writing	Break	Maths	Lunch	Singing	Science	Break	Indoor PE
Friday	SPAG	Reading	Writing	Break	Maths	Lunch	ICA	Art/DT	Break	Buddies/Readers PSHE

SATS:

From Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May, Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests. We don't want anyone worrying about these, especially this early on. The children will receive lots of practise and opportunities for additional booster sessions will be provided for all children throughout the year, regardless of their academic ability.

We have found the use of study guides incredibly useful in preparation for the SATs in May and we will send further information about these soon.

A few reminders / requests:

We would ask that you update the office with any medical needs your child may have. We need to be aware of any allergies or change in medical condition. If your child requires an inhaler, please make sure that an up-to-date inhaler (labelled with your child's name) is sent into school as soon as possible. There is a form available in the office for you to complete should you need to update us with anything medical. Equally, please ensure emergency contact details are up-to-date, should we need to contact you

To help celebrate all of your child's achievements, please feel free to let us know of any special achievements they might gain in any after school activities so we can celebrate them in school.

If there is anything else you would like to discuss, please feel free to make contact through Class Dojo. We endeavour to check our messages between 8am and 5pm on our working days but please be aware that we may not be able to respond outside of these times. Alternatively, we are able to discuss anything with you over the telephone; please call the school office to make an appointment.

Thank you for all your continued support and we look forward to a successful year.