

Year 6



Spring 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a fantastic holiday. We have missed the children very much and are extremely excited to welcome them back. Year 6 have made a tremendous start to the year and we look forward to this continuing in the spring term. Mrs Bridges will continue to teach Mondays, Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings. Mrs Bampton will teach Tuesday afternoons, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Long will teach Friday afternoons. As we continue our learning journey, there will be many new exciting topics, events and opportunities for progression across the curriculum.

The support which is provided at home is very much appreciated and we thank you for your continued efforts. We ask that children continue to refresh their knowledge of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) in maths, read often building their retrieval skills, fluency in reading and most importantly, their love of reading. To support writing, we ask that weekly spellings are practised and regularly revised.

Websites to support home learning: Timetable Rockstars, Purple Mash, KS2 BBC Bitesize, Topmarks Hit the Button and Topmarks Spelling games (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>)

Writing

Continuing to build on the progress we have made, applying grammatical features appropriately to text types. We will be focusing on writing warning stories and newspaper reports

Reading

Children will access a range of texts during our whole class reading lessons, to develop key reading skills such as inference, vocabulary, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising.

Fiction texts: Black Beauty, Secret Garden, Shakespeare Play scripts, Rosa Parks

Non-fiction texts: Elland Road, Lonely Planet, Human World

Class Teachers

Mrs Bampton and Mrs Bridges

Class Adults

Mrs Lander, Mr Baldock and Mrs Long

P.E. *

Thursday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

**Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days*

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a Monday and tested on the following Friday.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday and collected in the following Wednesday.

Dates for the Diary:

SATs

This academic year, your child will be sitting their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). These tests assess how well your child has achieved in Reading, Writing and Maths at primary school with marks being shared with their high schools in July. The KS2 SATs will take place on Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026. Please put these dates in your diary.

Residential

Friday 22nd May- Sunday 24th May

Maths

- Ratio
- Algebra
- Decimals

Foundation Subjects/ topic

Geography- The Amazon

Art- Exploring identity, making multi-layered self-portraits.

Computing- Education for a Connected World- Online Reputation

Science

Our topic will be Light. We will be learning about how light travels, how we see and carrying out an investigation into the formation of shadows.

PE

Thursday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

Children must come into school wearing their PE kits.

- plain white t-shirt
- plain jumper or jacket
- black/blue shorts, joggers or leggings
- suitable footwear (trainers or outdoor pumps)

Reading

We ask that children read their school reading book or another text that sparks their interest, at least four times each week. For children who are avid readers, we have a wide range of exciting books in the classroom book corner that children can take home to read.

Children can read either with an adult or independently and must get their home reading record signed by an adult each time they have read. Children should bring their reading book and reading record to school each day and put their book into the basket.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday and collected in the following Wednesday. This will be a range different activities that will link our current learning in maths, reading or writing. Each completed activity will be rewarded with Dojo points.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with one of us.

Best wishes,

Year 6 Team