

Year 6 Booklet



2017-2018

2017/2018

As with all the year groups, Year 6 follow the National Curriculum. See the "Time Table".

With regard to the new National Curriculum, Year 6 will be integrating this, and implementing changes where necessary, during this school year.

Core Subjects:

Literacy

The teaching of grammar, spelling and punctuation will be integrated into English lessons and extra sessions, supported by Collins and other resources. This is a vital aspect of English and is now tested formally during SATs week. We will be following the New Framework for Literacy, supported by a variety of popular books, linked to other subject areas.

Reading

Guided reading will take place every Friday morning and during some Assembly times. The children will be expected to read their Guided Reading books at home

Each child is expected to read an absolute minimum of one book per half term. Pupils monitor their own progress in their reading and homework diaries and these will be checked each week. The pupils will be asked to complete entries about the books they are reading at home in their reading diaries each week. They must also include the page numbers that they have read. Parents will be asked to sign the book at the bottom of the page and this will be signed and checked on a Monday morning. We encourage children to read as widely as possible. Recommended 20-30 minutes per day. Children will be expected to read to a parent at least once a week.

Spellings

These are given as a weekly list on a Wednesday and are tested on the following Wednesday. The spelling list will also appear on the Year 6 website each week for pupils to access if they wish. A spelling group will take place one morning each week, for pupils who need additional support. All spellings are from the New Curriculum Guidelines.

Handwriting

A handwriting group will take place one morning for pupils who need support with their writing.

Numeracy

We will be following the New Framework for Numeracy and other materials to support teaching and learning.

Mental Maths

This is a vital part of the curriculum. Table tests are held every Friday. A group will be held each week on a Monday morning for pupils who need further support when learning multiplication tables. Mrs Gawne works with Year 6 each morning and helps on an individual and group basis in both Literacy and Numeracy.

Science

We will be following the QCA schemes of work for Year 6. A wide range of scientific ideas are explored through practical lessons, often using cross-circular links e.g. Geography, History and Technology. Science is no longer a part of the SATs test that the children are required to sit in May. Therefore, assessment tests will be given to the pupils at the end of each topic to monitor their progress in this subject.

SATs

Year 6 pupils are tested nationally through the Key Stage Two SATs tests, which take place in May. Whatever results the children achieve, we hope that they will be as a result of them reaching their full potential. During the Spring Term and the first few weeks of the Summer Term, the main focus of the work in Literacy and Numeracy is SATs. Familiarisation and understanding can be achieved through the homework programme, work set in school and the BBC Bitesize Revision website for Key Stage 2.

Practice SATs

Pupils will complete practice SATs tests during the year, in order to monitor their progress and also to discover main areas for further development. Practice SATs will also help the pupils to feel more comfortable and confident when they come to take the National Tests in May 2017.

Study Books

The school recommends the CGP publications to prepare the pupils for their SATs in May. Study books in Numeracy, Literacy, and Grammar are available through the school and are priced at £2.00 - £3.00 each. These books are an invaluable guide for parents and children. The sooner these books can be bought, the better. Throughout the year, the pupils will be introduced to a variety of websites for revision. These will be used for revision in school and I recommend that the websites are used where possible at home.

ICT

The school is well resourced in computer technology and this is used for a wide range of purposes. In Year 6, the pupils will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of spreadsheets, multimedia presentation, and internet use including e-mail. ICT will be taught separately as well as being integrated in other subject areas.

Design and Technology

Design and Technology is closely linked to other areas of the curriculum and is practically based. Throughout the year, pupils will also study food technology and textiles, which will be linked to other subjects such as Religious Education and History.

Geography

In Geography, pupils will learn about Rivers and Coastline throughout the Autumn Term. This topic will be closely linked to other subjects, including English, Science, History and ICT. During the Spring Term, they will learn about key landmarks and locations around London, in preparation for our residential trip. After the trip, the pupils will carry out further work to reflect on their experiences. During the Summer Term, pupils will learn about South American, particularly Brazil and Rio and this again will be linked to other subjects including Science and Art. Pupils will also have lots of opportunities to develop their map reading skills throughout the year. We are hoping to organize some field study.

History

The pupils will start World War II and this will be integrated into other subject areas. World War II will be studied in history lessons as well as other subject areas such as Music and Design and Technology. Alongside our studies of World War II we will be working on relevant novels in English. 'Letters from the Lighthouse', 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' and 'Goodnight Mr Tom' and 'Anne Frank's Diary'. The subject matter of these novels will be handled in a sensitive manner.

Art

Autumn Term – Art linked to History, Geography and study of Edward Hopper.

Spring Term – Mexican and Caribbean Art.

Summer Term – Famous local artists (Beatrix Potter, William Morris, Alfred Wainwright) and South American Art.

Music

Autumn Term – General music and songs for the Christmas play

Spring Term – Songs from World War II

Summer Term – Performing Together – London shows songs, musicals.

Religious Education

The pupils will be studying all aspects of Judaism throughout the year. This “theme” will run alongside our World War II topic at times and will be dealt with in a sensitive manner.

French

The pupils will continue to learn French throughout the year, spending an hour every other week on this language. The pupils will learn how to talk about different countries in Europe and how to discuss the weather in these places.

P.E

KS2 Timetable for Year 6

Tuesday	-	Swimming 11.15 am – 11.45 am
Thursday	-	P.E 2.15 pm – 3.15 pm
Friday	-	Games 2.15 pm – 3.15 pm

All children have the opportunity to participate in gymnastics, dance, athletics and a variety of games. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have swimming lessons. (Year 6 for Autumn Term only).

Years 4, 5 and 6 are involved in residential visits enabling them to participate in outdoor and adventurous activities. Health Education is intrinsic throughout all aspects of P.E

Requirements

All children must have a school P.E kit which should be clearly named. This should be kept in school during term time as sometimes we need to be flexible with the P.E timetable. Indoor P.E is usually undertaken without footwear, but it is vital that the pupils still bring trainers with them on this day in case they go outside instead. Football boots and shin pads are necessary for football. Old kits and warm outer clothing are advisable. Shin pads are also required for hockey. Year 5 and 6 boys play full-contact rugby league and are advised to have a gum shield. Head guards may also be worn. Girls also need warm clothing for games: trainers **NOT** plimsolls should be worn. Boys also require trainers for indoor games and summer activities.

Safety

Hair must be tied back.
No hard hair bands.
Nails to be cut short.
Strictly no earrings or jewelry

NB Parents are advised that the only time to have their children’s ears pierced is at the start of the Summer Holidays, to allow healing to occur. If your child is unable to participate in any aspect of P.E, then a letter of explanations is required.

Homework

In the Autumn Term this will be based around spellings, tables, numeracy, literacy and other subjects on some occasions. (Tables on Fridays and spellings on Wednesday). Literacy, numeracy and any other homework is handed out every Friday and is to be handed in by the following Monday. Homework will increase during the Spring Term ready for SATs. Reading is **always** a requirement for homework. A homework diary is provided for each child. This is also used for sports events, clubs, rehearsals and any other events. Homework diaries will be filled in for the following week and checked on Monday. Parents are asked to check and sign homework diaries before this time each week. If your child is experiencing problems with homework, these need to be brought to my attention as soon as possible. Homework should always be completed to the best of the pupil's ability and should be well presented.

Secondary School Transfer

Year 6 is closely involved in the transition from Year 6 to Year 7. You will receive a list of open nights at each secondary school and a County Secondary School pack. As parents you will have to make the decision about your Childs next school and return the completed forms to school. We strongly recommend that before you make your decision you attend the open evenings at the secondary schools. If you need a prospectus for any school please contact the schools involved.

School Visits

This year our annual London trip will take place in February 2018. Details for this visit will be sent out separately.

I hope your child enjoys a happy successful year ahead. If your child experiences any problems throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please note that legally children are not meant to take any time out of school for holidays. Please do not arrange holidays during the Spring Term or early Summer Term (i.e. when SATs preparation, revision and tests are completed)

Absence from school means that children will miss valuable learning opportunities. It is important to realise that the class teacher will not be able to revisit this learning for children in many cases.