



Year 6
Spring 1 Newsletter
2024 - 25

Welcome Back!

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable and fun-filled Christmas & New Year (as well as the extra snow day). 2025 is going to be a very important year for all the Year 6 children as we see them move on to the next stage of their education in just two terms time!

The class have settled back well into school, and we are ready for some hard work in this penultimate term. We will also be preparing for the SATs, which take place early in the summer term.

The children may get some additional homework to support their learning – this will always be on a skill they need to practise.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries. You can do this via email, through the school office or in person at the end of the day.

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There are **NO** Forest School session this half term.

Year 6 Topics

Autumn 1 (03.09.24 – 17.10.24)	Spring 1 (06.01.25 – 14.02.25)	Summer 1 (22.04.25 – 23.05.25)
Magic and The Circus	Our World, Our Future	Evolution and Inheritance
Autumn 2 (28.10.24 – 20.12.24)	Spring 2 (24.02.25 – 04.04.25)	Summer 2 (03.06.25 – 18.07.25)
The Tudors, Crime and Punishment	World War II – Evacuation	Ancient Greeks – myths and Legends

Weekly Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bring in your reading book and record in in class every day				
Homework due				Spelling Test / New Spellings
	PE			
This term homework will be given as required and therefore not on a set day. We are trying to encourage the children to be more independent and get them ready for high school				



Our Learning for this half term



Our topic for the first half term is 'Our World, Our Future'. Throughout this half term, we will be focussing on:

English: Our focus is going to be on speeches – looking at speeches on climate change made by Greta Thunberg and creating our own persuasive speeches about a climate issue that the children are passionate about. We will also be looking at a historical play – Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Maths: Fractions, decimals and percentages (please support your child in quick recall of their times tables).

Science: Animals including humans – with a focus on the circulatory system and the heart.

Geography: We will be studying our changing world, building on our knowledge from autumn to look at how elements of our planet are created and change (coastlines, locations and boundaries) as well as looking at the impact of climate change.

PE: Gymnastics – balance and movement.

RE: Islam. Following the Year 6 theme – life is a journey.

Art: We will be using different media to create art to support a point of view: to prevent climate change.

PSHE: Online safety and being responsible.



Computing: Online safety and spreadsheets.





Year 6 Routines





Entering / Exiting (KS2 Yard)	Cloakroom	Snacks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gates open at 8:35am (there is no school led supervision)• Doors open at 8:45am• Home Time is at 3:30pm (Children must tell their teacher who they are leaving with)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each child has their own peg for personal belongings, such as their coat, bag, PE kit & Forest School Kit (on set day).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack (i.e. fruit or cereal bar) for morning / afternoon play. This should remain in their tray (not lunchbox) until eaten.• No chocolate or crisps permitted.• Please note that we are a nut-free school due to the severe allergies that we have.
Packed Lunch	Reading	Homework
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If your child brings in a healthy packed lunch, this will be placed in the Year 6 area outside the kitchen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each child is expected to bring their reading book and reading record into school everyday and have these on their desk.• We ask parents to sign the reading record books, when children have read at home.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spellings will be set every Friday and due in the following Friday.• Homework books must be in school each day as homework will be given as necessary this term. 



Key Events for Spring 1: 06.01.25 – 14.02.25



PTFA: Break the Rules Day	Children's Mental Health Week	Safer Internet Day
<p>Friday 17th January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Children donate to 'break' specific school rules e.g. non-uniform, crazy hair, drink juice, eat sweets / crisps, etc.	<p>Monday 3rd February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Children will discover how getting to know who they are and what makes them tick can help them build resilience, grow and develop.	<p>Tuesday 11th February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Children will focus on the theme: 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'
	<p>PTFA: Film Night</p>	 <p>Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre saferinternetday.org.uk</p>
	<p>Wednesday 12th February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">School turns into a cinema and children can watch a movie (still... 'under wraps') and eat snacks!	

PE

All children **MUST** have their PE Kit in a draw string bag that is kept in school on their peg. It will be sent home to be washed and size checked each half term.

P.E. Kit

white round neck t-shirt

black shorts

black pumps (indoor)

plain black or **white** trainers (outdoor) - these may be brought in each week

plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings (outdoor)

* **plain black** tracksuit top (outdoor)

drawstring pump bag

* = optional

Note - watches and earrings must be **removed** for PE and long hair must be tied back.

We could be **indoors** or **outdoors**, depending on the weather.



This half term, our PE day is **Tuesday**.

There are **NO** Forest School session this half term.

School Uniform



Forest School (Y1-Y6)

Girls

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan
- white polo shirt
- green checked skirt / pinafore or plain black skirt / pinafore
- * black trousers
- white or black socks / black tights
- black school shoes
- * bottle green and white checked dress for summer

Boys

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt
- white polo shirt
- black school trousers
- white or black socks
- black school shoes
- * black school shorts for summer

P.E. Kit

- white round neck t-shirt
- black shorts
- black pumps (indoor)
- * plain black trainers (outdoor)
- drawstring pump bag

- plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- plain black long sleeved quick dry logo top **new (* short sleeved in summer)
- waterproof coat
- * waterproof suit or trousers
- boots / wellies
- spare socks
- hat and gloves / cap (weather dependant)

Extras

- * bottle green school book bag
- * bottle green school logo coat
- * bottle green school logo fleece
- * named water bottle
- * green small logo ruck sack

NO jeans

NO trainers or boots

NO jewellery, make-up or nail varnish

NO extreme hair cuts - long hair must be tied back

(watch and plain stud earrings only)

* = optional