

Dear Parents,

As we move into the summer term, we have many exciting opportunities planned for the children after the KS2 tests.

Transition to Year 7

There will be a focus on transition to secondary school this term. You should have received relevant information from your child's chosen secondary school and there will be a transition day on **Friday 7th July** for those children going to Durham Johnston, or **Friday 30th June** for Framwellgate Moor Secondary School. We will also be focusing on 'Moving On' and 'Transition' during our PSHE sessions.

Topics this term

English: This term we will be reading the class novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be looking at the text features of this novel but also will explore: characters and settings, effective vocabulary and grammar choices.

Maths: This term, children will have the opportunity to consolidate their prior learning and recap key knowledge and skills designed to support with their transition to secondary school. There will also be a focus upon allowing children to apply their learning from the Year 6 curriculum to help them to investigate and solve problems.

Science – Living things and their Habitats, including classification keys.

Geography- Fantastic Forests. We will be exploring the vegetation in the local area as part of this unit and will be looking at the different types of forest around the world.

Computing – Programming micro:bits, alongside e-safety.

Art – Textiles based on the artist Henri Rousseau and artwork based on the Japanese artist Hokusai.

D&T – As part of cooking & nutrition, we will be designing and making pizza. We will also be moving on to look at mechanical devices.

RE – 'What do we now know about Christianity?'

French – This term, the units will be about 'The Future'

PSHCE – This term in PSHE our topic is Living in the Wider World. We will begin by learning about the responsibilities which come with owning a mobile phone before moving on to critically examining the information which is presented to us in the media and on social media. We will then look at the UK political system and democracy in general before finishing off the term by considering our aspirations for the future. This term we will also work with local secondary schools on transition, the school nurse will be working with us on puberty and basic human reproduction. If you have any questions or concerns about any of these topics, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Music and Drama - Year 6 children will be working on an end of year production which parents will be invited to watch. Dates can be found below.

Dates

Arts week: **Week beginning 22nd May**

Durham Cathedral Y6 Leavers service – **Wednesday 7th June (am)**

Fire Safety workshop – **Tuesday 13th June (pm)**

Y6 Nissan Trip – **Tuesday 20th June**

Y6 Nissan Trip – **Wednesday 21st June**

KS2 Sports Day - **Wednesday 28th June (pm)**

Year 6 Show – **Monday 17th July (2pm) or Tuesday 18th July (6pm)**

We hope your child will enjoy their final term in Year 6. Please remind your child to bring a water bottle in to school each day and also sun cream when needed, especially as the weather gets warmer. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Miss Pringle, Mrs Marshall and Mrs Bennett

Spelling word list for Year 3 and Year 4



100 words that children in England are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 4 (age 9). How many can you spell?

accident(ally)	disappear	interest	pressure
actual(ly)	early	island	probably
address	earth	knowledge	promise
answer	eight/eighth	learn	purpose
appear	enough	length	quarter
arrive	exercise	library	question
believe	experience	material	recent
bicycle	experiment	medicine	regular
breath	extreme	mention	reign
breathe	famous	minute	remember
build	favourite	natural	sentence
busy/business	February	naughty	separate
calendar	forward(s)	notice	special
caught	fruit	occasion(ally)	straight
centre	grammar	often	strange
century	group	opposite	strength
certain	guard	ordinary	suppose
circle	guide	particular	surprise
complete	heard	peculiar	therefore
consider	heart	perhaps	though/although
continue	height	popular	thought
decide	history	position	through
describe	imagine	possess(ion)	various
different	increase	possible	weight
difficult	important	potatoes	woman/women

Spelling word list for Year 5 and Year 6



100 words that children in England are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 6 (age 11). How many can you spell?

accommodate	correspond	identity	queue
accompany	criticise (critic + ise)	immediate(ly)	recognise
according	curiosity	individual	recommend
achieve	definite	interfere	relevant
aggressive	desperate	interrupt	restaurant
amateur	determined	language	rhyme
ancient	develop	leisure	rhythm
apparent	dictionary	lightning	sacrifice
appreciate	disastrous	marvellous	secretary
attached	embarrass	mischievous	shoulder
available	environment	muscle	signature
average	equip (-ped, -ment)	necessary	sincere(ly)
awkward	especially	neighbour	soldier
bargain	exaggerate	nuisance	stomach
bruise	excellent	occupy	sufficient
category	existence	occur	suggest
cemetery	explanation	opportunity	symbol
committee	familiar	parliament	system
communicate	foreign	persuade	temperature
community	forty	physical	thorough
competition	frequently	prejudice	twelfth
conscience	government	privilege	variety
conscious	guarantee	profession	vegetable
controversy	harass	programme	vehicle
convenience	hindrance	pronunciation	yacht

Year Six Reading List	
Books by Eva Ibbotson	Lion Boy - Zizou Corder
The Star of Kazan	Skellig - David Almond
Journey to the River Sea	Pig –Heart Boy - Malorie Blackman
Magic Flutes	Silverfin - Charlie Higson
My Story – Historical Fiction	Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz
Pompeii	Orange’s in No Man’s Land - Elizabeth Laird
Blitz	Thief - Malorie Blackman
D-Day	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase - Joan Aitken
Viking Blood	The Great Elephant Chase - Gillian Cross
Battle of Britain	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh -
	The Northern Lights Trilogy - Phillip Pullman
Michael Morpurgo	Holes - Louis Sachar
Private Peaceful	Granny - Anthony Horowitz
War Horse	Artemis Fowl- Eoin Colfer
Twist of Gold	Kite Rider - Geraldine McCaughrean
From Hereabout Hill	Marianne Dreams by Catherine Storr
Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea	The Worlds of Chrestomanci (Series) -Diana Wynne Jones
Roald Dahl	Mortal Engines - Philip Reeve
Boy	Diamonds of Drury Lane - Julia Golding
Danny the Champion of the World	Frozen in Time - Ali Sparkes
Going Solo	Johnnie’s Blitz- Bernard Ashley
	Hacker- Malorie Blackman
Mixed Fiction	The Valley of Secrets- Charmian Hussey
The Crow-Starver -Dick-King Smith	Time Rider- Alex Scarrow
Once b- Morris Gleitzman	
Inkheart –Cornelia Funke	
The Dark is Rising –Susan Cooper	
Blitzcat-Robert Westall	
Wolf Brother –Michelle Paver	

Classic Stories	Challenging Reads
The Silver Sword - Ian Serrallier	Little Women - Louisa Alcott
Carrie’s War - Nina Bawden	Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson
Anne of Green Gables - L.M.Montgomery	Wilderness - Roddy Doyle
Ballet Shoes -Noel Streatfield	Flambards - K.M. Peyton
What Katy Did - Susan Coolidge	Eagle of the Ninth - Rosemary Sutcliffe
Goodnight Mr.Tom - Michelle Magorian	The Machine Gunners – by Robert Westall
The Borrowers - Mary Norton	The Hobbit -J.R. Tolkein
Black Beauty - Anna Sewell	The Wind Singer - William Nicholson
King Arthur- Roger Lancelyn Green	Oliver Twist - Charles Dickens
Swallows and Amazons- Arthur Ransome	I am David- Anne Holm
Watership Down- Richard Adams	Over Sea Under Storm- Susan Cooper
The Sword in the Stone- T.H. White	