

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year; we hope that you have had a lovely summer and we are looking forward to welcoming all of the children into Year 6!

Topics this term

English: This term, we will be reading the class novel 'My Friend the Enemy' by Dan Smith. We will be looking at the text features of this novel but also will explore characters, settings, and effective vocabulary and grammar choices.

- Spellings- Children will be given 5-6 spellings each week to learn at home- three of these spellings will be related to the week's spelling rule and two or three will come from the year 5/6 word list.
- Reading- We would appreciate if you could ensure that your child is writing in their reading record each week, to show what they have read and if you could also sign your child's reading record at the end of each week. Any reading that you can do with your child is also highly valued.

Maths: This term, children will begin by recapping and solidifying their knowledge of place value. Following this, our topics will be:

- Number- The four operations
- Fractions

We will also be working on our times tables each day, starting with the 6 times table. If your child is able to practise their times tables at home then this will help them with their fluency and rapid recall of facts.

Science: This term's topics will be light and electricity.

Geography: Our geography topic will be 'Destination India'. We will be comparing India to Britain and looking at the similarities and differences between Durham and Rajkot, a city in western India.

History: In history, children will be learning about WW1 and WW2, with links to local history.

Computing: Topics will involve programming variables in games, using Scratch, and creating spreadsheets. We will also continue to teach e-safety each half term.

Art: Children will be completing sketching work, based on Henry Moore's shelter drawings, as well as making steampunk, kitbash sculptures. With this in mind, we would very much appreciate if you would be please able to send any broken/ unwanted toys into school, along with recycled materials like plastic containers and cardboard boxes, tubes etc. We will hopefully be making these models before October half term and will send out a letter later this half term but any materials -particularly old toys, games, jigsaws etc.- that you may have in the upcoming weeks would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

D&T: This term, we will be designing and making WW2 shelters.

RE: We will begin by looking at Islam and will then be learning about how the birth of Jesus is told through the Gospels.

French: This term's units will be 'Actions' and 'In France'.

PSHE: This term in PSHE, our focus will be on health and wellbeing. This will include looking at a balanced lifestyle, responsibilities and media influences.

Music: Our first unit will be based around a song called 'Hey, Mr Miller', which links to World War 2; children will also learn about swing and big band music. The second unit will be called 'Shadows' and will focus on artists and their influences, as well as comparing different musical genres.

PE: Year 6 PE day will be a Friday and children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. Children will begin by taking part in invasion games. Up until October half term, we will also be taking part in ‘Walk and Talk’ sessions every Wednesday afternoon. In November, Year 6 ‘Bikeability’ sessions will be taking place-specific dates for your child will be detailed in due course.

Dates

October Half Term- Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023

Parents’ Evenings- Wednesday 22nd November and Thursday 23rd November 2023

Christmas Party- Tuesday 12th December 2023

Homework will be sent home each Thursday and will be due back into school on a Tuesday morning. Each week, children will receive a piece of English homework and a piece of maths homework. On occasion, this may be replaced by homework linked to science or a foundation subject like history, geography or DT.

We hope your child will enjoy their first term in Year 6! Please remind your child to bring a water bottle to school each day, as well as a coat- when necessary- especially as the weather gets colder and wetter. All clothing needs to be labelled with your child’s name so that it is easily identifiable. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Marshall, Mrs Curry and Mrs Black

	8:45-10:30			10:50-12:15		1:15-2:15		2:30-3:30
Monday	Worship (9:10-9:30)	Maths		English		RE		Computing
Tuesday	Maths	Worship (10:10-10:30)	Morning Break (10:30-10:50)	English	Lunch (12:15-1:15)	Science	Afternoon Break (2:15-2:30)	Science
Wednesday	Maths	In-Class Worship (10:10-10:30)		English		History/ Geography		PSHE
Thursday	Maths	Worship (10:10-10:30)		English		Art/DT		Music
Friday	Maths	Worship (10:10-10:30)		English		PPA (French/ PE)		PPA (French/ PE)



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	