

Year Six – Summer Term 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed a restful Easter. This handout provides an overview of what we will be covering this term, key dates and expectations with regards to homework. We hope that you find it useful but please feel free to catch one of us in the playground or contact the office to arrange an appointment if you have any concerns or questions.

Reading

Your child will continue to be read with in guided reading sessions. During these lessons they read aloud, answer questions relating to the text and discuss the text as a group. We will be studying Incredible Journeys by Levison Wood which will take the children on a journey around the world, discovering the most daring pioneers.

Your child should continue to use their reading record to document the books they are reading at home and complete reading comprehension questions. It is vital to your child's progress that they read for at least 15 minutes at home every day. Reading records should be brought to school every day and will be checked daily.

Writing

This term, our writing stimulus will be a video advertisement created by the Guardian newspaper, which won the Cannes-Lion award upon its release. We will explore bias, objectivity and justice as we unpick the different voices and perspectives which make up the well-known story. The advert will open up plenty of opportunities for debate and children will understand the importance of considering all sides of a story before jumping to conclusions. There will be a range of writing tasks both fiction and non-fiction, including writing letters, diary entries, stories, newspaper articles and speeches.

Maths

The calculation expectations for Year 6 maths can be found in the maths handbook, a link to which is available on the Year 6 class page. We will continue to have maths lessons every day focusing on both arithmetic and mathematical reasoning.

Religious Education

This term our topic is how does the Torah help Jewish people to understand what being Jewish means? We will start the topic by considering why Abraham is significant figure in the Jewish faith and how he demonstrated the belief in One God. We will also consider the importance of the Torah, Jewish prayer and worship and Bar/Bat Mitzvah. At the end of the unit, children will have the opportunity to create their own rite of passage for leaving primary school.

Science

This term, we will be learning about animals including humans. We will build on prior learning and knowledge through understanding different systems within the body. We will research the parts and functions of the circulatory system, focusing on how nutrients are transported around the human body. We will explore how a healthy lifestyle supports the body to function and how different types of drugs affect the body.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be thinking about relationships and how to build and develop healthy connections.

Computing

We will continue to study computer programming through code.org, working through course F.

PE

Our PE lessons will continue to take place on Friday afternoons and children should wear their PE kits to school.

Geography

In our geography lessons, we will be trying to answer the question – where does our energy come from? We will learn about the benefits and drawbacks of renewable energy, understand how energy sources are distributed in an area, carry out field work and collect and present data on where to position a solar panel on our school grounds.

History

In History, we will be considering the question – what was the impact of World War 2 on the people of Britain? We will identify the causes of World War 2, explore the impact of the Battle of Britain on the Royal Air Force, use photographs to develop our understanding of the Blitz and consider the experiences of evacuees, women and migrants.

Topical Talk

Topical Talk lessons will continue during the second half of the summer term. Through these lessons the children will participate in informed and open-minded discussions about the biggest issues of our time, whilst developing essential critical-thinking and communication skills.

Music

Children will continue to have violin lessons each week on a Monday afternoon.

Services

This term, we will continue to explore our theme God's World, Our Earth, Our Responsibility. Through this theme, we will learn more about God and how He calls us to live by studying the lives of remarkable Christians from the past, members of our own Boutcher family, and other Christians closely connected to our school. We will deepen our understanding of their faith and discover how it shapes the way they live each day.

Homework

Daily

As previously mentioned, your child is expected to read for a minimum of 15 minutes every night and to complete a reading comprehension question in their reading record. We will continue to set retrieval maths, reading comprehension and SPaG tasks daily. This should be completed at home and books brought to school each day. From time to time, spelling homework and other pieces of homework may be set.

Weekly

Children should spend 25 minutes on Times Tables Rock Stars each week and they should also aim to join the Newsround discussion question on Google Classroom.

SATs

The KS2 Standard Assessment Tests will take place during the week of the 11th May. As you know, your child will sit tests in maths, reading and SPaG. Writing will be assessed until 26th June. Over the next few weeks, we will be preparing the children for these assessments and supporting their wellbeing during this time. Please see the letter attached for more information on the SATs.

Key Dates for Year 6:

Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May – SATs

Tuesday 19th May – Evening theatre trip to see Wicked! (more details will be sent out nearer the time)

Monday 8th June – Visit to The Oval to watch a cricket match

Tuesday 20th June (afternoon) and Thursday 2nd July (evening) – Year 6 Play (exact times TBC)

Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July – Year Six Residential to PGL

Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 trip to Chessington

Thursday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers' Service (approximately 1.30pm) and last day

Please check the school website for school wide key dates.

Whilst your children are growing in independence, please do continue to support them in ensuring they have their belongings needed for each school day. It is also vital that they attend school on time as lateness is disruptive for everyone. It is particularly important in Year 6 that children are supported with these things as it will help prepare them for secondary school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Year Six Team