

Welcome to the new school year! We hope that you have all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for an enjoyable and busy time in Year 6. We are confident that we will be able to work together in order to provide the children with a happy and productive year.

Please may we take this opportunity to remind you of the expected equipment that your child will need this year. It is essential that your child has a suitable sized pencil case which must include writing pencils, a 30cm ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener. If they earn their pen licence, they will then also need a black pen. Please ensure that your child's equipment will not distract themselves or others during lessons. Please also ensure that they wear correct school uniform, which must be labelled. Children will also need a named water bottle on a daily basis.

As part of our daily English work, we will study two novels this term: *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty and *My Name Is River* by Emma Rea. Through these, we will study a range of text types including stories, recounts, information texts and poetry. We will revise and extend our grammar knowledge and aim to improve our creative writing. We will also look at and explore spelling patterns.

During our daily maths lessons, we will continue to revise and extend our knowledge of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). This will include refining our arithmetic skills as well as applying our knowledge to increasingly more complex word problems and reasoning questions. We will cover areas such as numbers and the number system, shape and space and handling data. The children will need to keep on top of their times tables knowledge and will greatly benefit from using [maths.co.uk](https://www.maths.co.uk) for their homework to improve their arithmetic skills.

In our science lessons, our topics will be Electricity followed by Living Things and Habitats.

In our history lessons, we will be studying the Victorians.

In geography, we will be studying North and South America before focussing on Brazil.

In our computing lessons, we will be learning about e-safety, data handling using Microsoft Excel and looking at the use of AI.

Our French topics will cover phonetics, grammar terminology, school, weekend activities and Christmas.

In music, we will be looking at pop music and Christmas Carols.

In our RE lessons we will be studying Christianity and Islam; we will learn features of each religion. We will draw upon similarities and differences and will consider key moral questions.

Our PSHE lessons will focus on the units Being Me and Celebrating Difference. These will look at self-esteem and how we treat others.

The children will have a weekly PE lesson on Thursday afternoons. Our sports coach will take these lessons. The sessions will be outside as much as possible so please ensure that your child also has tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt/hoodie as well as their shorts and T-shirts. Trainers are also needed. Please make sure that the kit is clearly named. Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on Thursday.

Your child will be set two pieces of homework per week. This is on top of their daily reading. They will bring their new spellings home in their spelling list book on Monday. These will be tested on Friday. On Tuesday, we will send

home English homework. This will be online (spag.com). We will expect the English homework to be completed by Friday. Then, on Friday we will send home maths homework which will be due by Tuesday. This will be online (maths.co.uk).

This is a very important year for the children so please do not hesitate to come and discuss any concerns you or they may have. For your information, secondary school applications close on Thursday 31st October. The secondary schools are currently holding their open evenings for you to look at them. SATs week is the week beginning Monday 12th May 2025, and we ask that you do not book any holidays for this time. We will discuss SATs further at our Year 6 meeting on Wednesday 25th September at 2.45pm.

We look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your support. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or come and see us after school.

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