

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2024-2025



Lion & Gorilla Class



Welcome to Year 6!

Welcome back after a well-deserved half-term break! We hope the children are recharged and ready for an exciting half-term leading up to Christmas. This half-term, we will delve into fascinating topics such as electricity and economics, explore coding with Scratch to create variables, designing and building fairground ride prototypes, and produce writing inspired by the incredible style of David Attenborough and David Walliams. We have so much to look forward to, and with the fantastic start the children had this year, let's keep the momentum going!



School Timings

Just a quick reminder that our external classroom doors will open at **8:35am** and school finishes at **3:15pm**. If your child arrives **after 8:50am**, please bring/send them to the school office first - thank you.



Attendance and Punctuality

Children need to be in school **every day** and **on time**. Face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential. During school time, pupils should be in class with their teachers and peers and enjoying all the benefits that this brings.

Physical Education and Games

P.E. will be on **Tuesday** and **Friday** for the first half-term. P.E kits should be brought in on a **Monday** and will be sent home on **Friday** to be washed. As the weather is becoming colder, tracksuits bottoms and your child's school jumper are suitable for outdoor games. Appropriate footwear is essential. Please make sure children do not wear jewellery to school on these days and that they have a hair band/bobble to tie their hair back, for health and safety purposes.



Home Learning

We have reviewed our homework provision across the Federation. Whilst homework can be an important tool in helping children with their learning, we realise that it needs to be purposeful and engaging. Therefore, we have made revisions to the homework that will be set going forward.

Reading: 3x weekly (minimum) - recorded in reading records (see below for more details).



Spellings: learn 5 spelling words. These will be set by the teacher on Mondays and weekly tests on Fridays to check and address gaps.

Maths: TimesTable Rockstars - 'little and often' throughout the week (roughly 10 minutes per day), aim for an hour over the week. We thank you for your support with this.

Online Safety

A reminder that children should be supervised when using the internet. There are filters available and child-friendly search engines such as 'Google Kids'. Children are not permitted to use social media such as Facebook, Instagram or TikTok until they are aged 13+.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/understanding-age-ratings>



Reading

Regular reading will support your child in all areas of their learning. In Year 6, we want to inspire a love and enjoyment of reading. Their book should encourage them to ask questions, wonder and express opinions as well as expanding their vocabulary and knowledge. Children must be reading at least **three** times a week for **20 minutes**, which needs to be recorded in their reading record alongside an adult comment or signature. Reading records will be collected **every Friday** to check if they are able to move up our reading challenge wall!



Boosters

Our before and after school booster sessions will continue into the second half of the term! A big thank you to all the children who have been attending regularly and to the parents for their support in getting them to school on time. The progress made during these sessions so far has been wonderful.

Please note that changes to the groups may be happening soon, so be sure to keep an eye out for letters coming home.



As always, your continued support is very much appreciated. If you do wish to discuss anything with us, please do contact the school office or arrange a meeting after school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Osborne
Lion Class Teacher

Miss Tugwell
Gorilla Class Teacher

Diary Dates

Autumn term

Event	Date
Autumn half-term break	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November 2024
INSET day	Monday 4 th November 2024
First day back after half-term break	Tuesday 5th November 2024
Parent Consultation Evenings	Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th November 2024
Panto Trip - Beauty and the Beast	Friday 13 th December 2024
Last day of Autumn term	Friday 20 th December 2024

Long term

Event	Date
INSET day	Monday 6 th January 2025
First day of Spring term	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Year 6 WW2 Workshop	Thursday 13th February 2025
Spring half-term break	Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February 2025
Spring term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 3 rd March - Friday 7 th March 2025
Last day of Spring term	Friday 4 th April 2025
First day of Summer term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Year 6 SATs Week	Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May 2025
Summer half-term break	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th May 2025
Year 6 Residential at Marchant's Hill	Sunday 15th June - Wednesday 18th June 2025

Year 6 Weekly Timetable

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	8:40 - 8:55	8:55- 9:30	9:30-10:30	10:30- 10:45	10.45 - 11.00	11.00-12:00	12:00- 12:50	12:50- 13:15	13:15-14:05	14:05-14.55	14:55- 15:10
Monday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English	Break	Mental fluency	Maths	Lunch	Spelling	Science		KS2 Assembly
Tuesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Spelling	Outdoor PE OAA	PSHE	Faith Assembly
Wednesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Handwriting	Geography	Computing	Class Assembly
Thursday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Handwriting	Spanish	Music	KS2 Singing Assembly
Friday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Spelling test	Indoor PE Dance	RE	Celebration Assembly

Our learning this half term

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Topic	Seven Seas
English	<p><u>Key texts:</u> Blue Planet (TV manuscripts)</p> <p>World's Worst Parents (fiction story)</p> <p><i>Please see the medium-term plan for more detailed information.</i></p>
Reading Journey	<p><u>Key texts:</u> Non-fiction: Wondergarden Poetry: Enchanted Christmas Tales Practice SATs papers</p>
Maths	Place Value, Addition & Subtraction
Science	Electricity
Spanish	¿Que tiempo hace?
History/ Geography	<p>Geography: Economic Activity: Belfast</p>
PSHE	Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds
Design and Technology	Circuits/Fairground rides
Religious Education	Christianity: Pilgrimage
Computing	Programming: Creating variables and blocks
Physical Education	OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) Dance
Music	Read, Write and Remember to Twinkle
Trips	Panto!

Learning Links

Alongside Doodle Learning and Times Table Rock Stars, we have put together a list of website links that include activities/games which will allow your child to explore their learning further.

Maths

<https://uk.ixl.com/maths/year-6>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39/year/zncsscw>

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>

<https://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>

<https://www.transum.org/>

<https://gridclub.com/#maths>

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

<https://uk.ixl.com/english/year-6>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f/year/zncsscw>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb>

https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/folder-63

<https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/languages/words/naming-nouns/>

<https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/languages/words/adjective-detective/>

<https://gridclub.com/#english>

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/grammar-vocabulary/grammar-practice>

Reading

Use the website below to find aged related and genre categorised books which could be great for your child

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/browse-by-age>