

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn Term 2 2025-2026

Welcome to Year 6!

Welcome back, Year 6! We hope you had a restful half-term. We're so proud of everything the children achieved last half-term and are excited for a new half-term full of fun and learning ahead — from exploring **electricity** in Science and building **fairground rides** in DT, to **programming** in Computing and becoming **David Attenborough** as we narrate our own amazing creature documentaries. It's set to be a brilliant time of creativity and festive fun!

Curriculum Overview

Attached to this curriculum letter, you will find a curriculum overview of the topics we will be covering this term. There is also a list of useful websites attached, which link specifically to the concepts that we will be exploring.

Physical Education

P.E. will be on **Wednesdays** during this 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

Home learning plays an important role in strengthening the link between home and school and just a few minutes of additional practice can make all the difference - little and often is key!

Each week, children are expected to complete the following:

- **Reading:** Children should read **at least three times a week** for around **20 minutes**. Each session must be recorded in their reading record with an adult comment or signature. Reading records will be collected every Friday to check progress on our reading challenge wall. In Year 6, we aim to foster a real love of reading and appreciate your support in encouraging your child to ask questions, share opinions and expand their vocabulary and knowledge through a wide range of books.



- **Spellings:** Five new spelling words will be set each Monday, with a **test on Friday** to review and address any gaps. Practising little and often is the best approach — just a few minutes a day builds long-term memory.
- **Maths:** Weekly maths home learning will be set on **Monday** and should take around a total of 30 minutes to complete - breaking this down into shorter (5-10 minute) bursts may prove helpful! The learning is due the **following Monday** but can be handed in at any point during the week.



Online Safety: Being Smart with Screens

As technology evolves, so does the need to help children use it safely and positively. Through our computing curriculum, we teach children about “**Digital Balance**” — understanding how to enjoy technology safely without letting it take over our free time.

At home, you can help by:

- Talking regularly about what your child enjoys online and who they might be chatting to (even in games).
- Using **BBC Own It** and **Childnet** for fun videos and games that teach safe online habits.
- Encouraging “tech-free times” — for example, no devices during dinner or before bed.
- Setting up devices with **child-safe settings** and **age-appropriate content filters**.

For guidance and support, visit:

 [BBC Own It - Online Life Advice](#)

 [Internet Matters - Screen Time Tips](#)

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, Mr Davies & Miss Tugwell

Year 6 Team



Diary Dates

These may change or be added to throughout the course of the term. Please check on the school website and letters for any changes.

Autumn term

Event	Date
INSET day	Monday 3 rd November 2025
First day back after half-term break	Tuesday 4 th November 2025
Year 6 Into Film Cinema Trip	Tuesday 11th November 2025
Year 5 & 6 Born Free Workshop (free)	Thursday 13th November 2025
Anti-Bullying Week	w/c Monday 17 th November 2025
Parents' Evenings	Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November 2025
Family BINGO - PTA	Friday 21 st November
TT Rockstars day	Thursday 27 th November
Christmas Grotto	Monday 8 th & Tuesday 9 th December
Year 6 visit to the Panto!	Friday 12th December 2025 1.30pm-4.30pm
Christmas Jumper Day, lunch and Church Service	Thursday 18 th December 2025
Last day of Autumn term	Friday 19 th December 2025

Long term

Event	Date
INSET day	Monday 5 th January 2026
First day of Spring term	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Year 6 WW2 Workshop	Thursday 12th February 2026
Spring half-term break	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February 2026
Spring term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 2 nd March - Thursday 5 th March 2026
World Book Day	Thursday 5 th March 2026
Class photos	Tuesday 10 th March 2026
Last day of Spring term	Thursday 26 th March 2026
INSET day	Friday 27 th March 2026
First day of Summer term	Tuesday 13 th April 2026
Year 6 SATs Week	Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May 2026
Spring Fair	Saturday 16 th May 2026
Summer half-term break	Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May 2026

Year 6 Weekly Timetable

Autumn 2 example

	8:40 – 8:55	8:55-9:40	9:40-10:30	10:30 – 10:45	10:45 – 11:00	11:00 – 12:00		12:15-13:05	13:05-14:00		14:00-14.55	14:55 -15:10
Monday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English	Break	Maths Fluency	Maths	Spelling	Lunch	PPA		Music/Spanish	KS2 Assembly
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Tuesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Maths Fluency	Maths	Spelling		PSHE	Computing	Faith Assembly	
Wednesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Maths Fluency	Maths	Spelling		Outdoor P.E. Football	Outdoor P.E. OAA	Class Assembly	
Thursday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Maths Fluency	Maths	Handwriting		Geography	RE	KS2 Singing Assembly	
Friday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Maths Fluency	Maths	Handwriting		Spelling test	Library	Science	Celebration Assembly

Our learning this term

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Topic	Seven Seas	
English	<u>Key texts:</u> Survivor (fiction story linked to Titanic topic day) <i>Please see the medium-term plan for more detailed information</i>	<u>Key texts:</u> Survivor (fiction story linked to Titanic topic day) Blue Planet (TV manuscripts) Russian Dolls (poem) <i>Please see the medium-term plan for more detailed information</i>
Reading Journey	<u>Key texts:</u> Fiction novel: Boy with the Butterfly Mind Poetry: Overheard in a Tower Block Non-fiction: Blue Planet Wondergarden Poetry: Enchanted Christmas Tales Practice SATs papers Class reader: Kensuke's Kingdom	
Maths	Place Value, Addition & Subtraction	
Science	Light	Electricity
Spanish	En la cafeteria	¿Que tiempo hace?
History/ Geography	History: Titanic: Belfast Geography: Economic Activity: Belfast	
PSHE	Democracy	Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds
Art	Painting: Frida Kahlo (links to PSHE unit)	
Design and Technology	Circuits/Fairground rides	
Religious Education	Christianity: Imagery	Christianity: Pilgrimage
Computing	Online Safety	Programming: Creating variables and blocks
Physical Education	Dance (Specialist) Fitness	OAA Football
Music	Baghdad	Short Ride in a Fast Machine
Trips	Titanic Launch Day Chessington	Into Film Cinema Trip Born Free Workshop Panto

Learning Links

Alongside home learning, 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://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://uk.ixl.com/maths/year-5>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zykvwsg>

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

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

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

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

<https://uk.ixl.com/english/year-5>

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zbwg7v4>

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

<https://www.mrmcgrammar.com/>

Reading

Use the websites 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>