

# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



Spring Term 1 2024-2025

## Lion & Gorilla Class



### Welcome back!

Welcome back to an exciting and important New Year! We hope you all had a joyful and relaxing Christmas break. The children have returned brimming with energy, ready for another action-packed and inspiring half-term of learning! This half-term, we'll dive into fascinating topics such as WW2, exploring its historical significance, the power of propaganda, and comparisons across time. In Art, we'll channel our creativity into WW2 Pop Art, drawing inspiration from the bold style of Roy Lichtenstein. Science will take us on a journey through Evolution and Inheritance. With the fantastic progress the children have made so far this year, we're excited to keep building on their momentum. Here's to a half-term full of curiosity, creativity, and achievement!



### School Timings

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

### Physical Education and Games

This half-term, we will now have a double PE session on a **Tuesday** afternoon. 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 diaries (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.



## 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. Well done to those children who have continued to move up on our class reading challenges - keep it up!



## Boosters

Our before and after school booster sessions will be taking place again this term, but with a few changes to groups/timings. We will be sending out letters over the coming weeks to let you and your child know which sessions they should be attending. These sessions have proved to be extremely beneficial for the children involved so far, so please do let us know if there are any issues with days/timings that would mean your child will not be able to attend and we will do our very best to find a solution.



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

#### **Spring term**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
INSET day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
First day of Spring term	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
<b>Year 6 WW2 Workshop</b>	<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>
Spring half-term break	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
Spring term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March - Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Class Photos	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Last day of Spring term	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025

#### **Long term**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
First day of Summer term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025
<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Summer half-term break	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
<b>Year 6 Residential at Marchant's Hill</b>	<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>

# Weekly Timetable

	8:40 - 8:55	8:55-9:40	9:40-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45 - 11:00	11:00-12:00	12:00 - 12:15	12:15-13:05	13:05-14:00	14:00-14:55	14:55 -15:10
Monday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English	Break	Mental fluency	Maths	Spelling	Lunch	Science		KS2 Assembly
Tuesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths	Spelling		P.E.		Faith Assembly
Wednesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths	Handwriting		History	Music	Class Assembly
Thursday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths	Handwriting		RE	Spanish	KS2 Singing Assembly
Friday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths	Spelling test		PSHE	Art	Celebration Assembly

Computing will be taught in a block in the afternoons over the course of one week.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Year 6 Spring 1</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>One World</b>
<b>English</b>	<p><u>Key texts:</u> (Linked to WWII topic)</p> <p><b>The Little Ships</b> (Picture book)</p> <p><b>Rose Blanche</b> (non-fiction story)</p> <p><i>Please see the medium-term plan for more detailed information.</i></p>
<b>Reading Journey</b>	<p><u>Key texts:</u> (Linked to WWII topic)</p> <p><b>Fiction Novel:</b> The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</p> <p><b>Practice SATs papers/HIAS planning</b></p>
<b>Maths</b>	Please see the medium-term plan.
<b>Science</b>	<b>Evolution &amp; Inheritance</b>
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Mi ropa</b>
<b>History/ Geography</b>	<p>History:</p> <p><b>World War 1 World War 2</b></p>
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Discrimination</b>
<b>Art</b>	<p>Drawing:</p> <p><b>Roy Lichtenstein (Pop-Art)</b></p>
<b>Religious Education</b>	Judaism: <b>Sacrifice/ Identity</b>
<b>Computing</b>	<b>Computing Systems and Networks - Communication and Collaboration</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<p><b>Gymnastics</b></p> <p><b>Football</b></p>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Frozen Lands</b>
<b>Trips</b>	WW2 Workshop

## **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.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>