

# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



Spring Term 2 2024-2025

## Lion & Gorilla Class



### Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely and restful half-term break! As we step into the second half of the academic year, there's lots to look forward to in Year 6. With SATs getting closer, we'll continue to support the children in feeling confident and prepared, balancing this with an exciting and varied curriculum. In History, we'll be diving deeper into World War 2, exploring key events and the impact on people's lives. Our Geography lessons will take us across the Atlantic to Nevada, where we'll be learning about its natural resources and tourism. In Music, we'll be exploring the world of rap—looking at rhythm, rhyme, and performance.

**YOU GOT  
THIS!**



### 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. This half-term, we will also be sending home small pieces of Maths revision for children to complete at home.

We thank you for your support with this.

## 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!



## 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>



## Boosters

Our before and after school booster sessions will continue this half-term. 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 means your child will not be able to attend and we will do our very best to find a solution.



## Diary Dates

### Spring term

Event	Date
Spring term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March - Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
World Book Day - wear PJs to school!	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Class Photos	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
PSHE Friendship & Team-building Week	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025
Year 6 Mock SATs week	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> April - Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025
Last day of Spring term	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Long term

Event	Date
First day of Summer term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025
Rushmoor Year 6 Think Safe event (more information to follow)	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Year 6 SATs Week	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Summer half-term break	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Year 6 Residential at Marchant's Hill	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025

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

## 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	History/Geography		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		Science	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 2</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>One World</b>
<b>English</b>	<p><b>Rose Blanche</b> (fiction story)</p> <p><b>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</b> (fiction story)</p> <p><b>Russian Dolls</b> (poem)</p> <p><b>Whole school text</b></p>
<b>Reading Journey</b>	<p><u>Key texts:</u></p> <p><b>Practice SATs papers/HIAS plannin</b></p>
<b>Maths</b>	Please see the medium-term plan.
<b>Science</b>	<b>Evolution &amp; Inheritance</b>
<b>Spanish</b>	<p><b>La Segunda</b></p> <p><b>Guerra Mundial</b></p>
<b>History/ Geography</b>	<p><b>History:</b></p> <p><b>World War 1 World War 2</b></p> <p><b>Geography:</b></p> <p><b>Natural resources and tourism (settlement and land use) Nevada (North America)</b></p>
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Discrimination</b>
<b>Art</b>	<p><b>Drawing:</b></p> <p><b>Roy Lichtenstein (Pop-Art)</b></p>
<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>Christianity: Power</b>
<b>Computing</b>	<b>Computing Systems and Networks - Communication and Collaboration</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<p><b>Gymnastics</b></p> <p><b>Tag Rugby</b></p>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Mad Rappers</b>

# **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://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/486/Y6-Arithmetic-Practice>

<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>