

# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



Summer Term 1 2024-2025



## Lion & Gorilla Class

### Welcome back!

Welcome back, Year 6! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break filled with joy and relaxation. As we return, it's full steam ahead as SATs are now only four weeks away. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication the children have shown, and we are confident they'll achieve amazing outcomes with just one last push! This half-term, we have exciting topics lined up, including delving into the intricacies of the human body in Science, getting creative with designing and crafting healthy pizzas in DT, and exploring the timeless tale of Macbeth in English. Get ready for an engaging and enriching half-term ahead!



### School Timings

Just a quick reminder that the school gate opens at **8:35am**, the classroom doors open at **8:40am** 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 continue to 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

Boosters will continue up until SATs and **the last session(s) will be on on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. Thank you to those children who have attended and engaged with the sessions so far - it has been wonderful to see the progress that has been made with focus and dedication!



## Diary Dates

### Summer term

Event	Date
First day of Summer term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025
<b>Rushmoor Year 6 Think Safe event (more information to follow)</b>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
May Day Bank Holiday - school closed	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
PTA Spring Fair	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
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>
KS2 Sport's Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Last day of academic year	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 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 Summer 1</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Great Minds</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>Whole School Text - The Midnight Fair</b>  <b>Macbeth</b>  <b>Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk (non-fiction story)</b>
<b>Reading Journey</b>	<u>Key texts:</u> <b>Practice SATs papers</b> <b>Fiction Novel: Crater Lake</b>
<b>Maths</b>	Please see the medium-term plan.
<b>Science</b>	<b>The Human Body (circulation)</b>
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>El fin de semana (the weekend)</b>
<b>History/ Geography</b>	<b>History:</b> <b>Ancient Islamic Civilisations</b>  <b>Geography:</b> <b>Earthquakes: Oceania</b>
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Making and Saving Money</b>
<b>DT</b>	<b>Healthy Living - Pizza</b>
<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>Islam: Moral Code</b>
<b>Computing</b>	<b>Computing Systems and Networks - Communication and Collaboration</b>  <b>Scratch Programming - Stop Motion Video</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>Athletics</b> <b>Rounders</b>
<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>