

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



Spring Term 1 2024-2025

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 where we will be 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!



Physical Education and Games

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



Online Safety: Making Good Choices Online

As children increasingly use tablets, televisions and games at home, it's important to help them develop healthy screen habits. Through our computing curriculum, we focus is on **age-appropriate content and balance**.

At home, you can support this by:

- Checking age ratings for games, apps and TV programmes before your child accesses them.
- Using parental controls and child-friendly platforms wherever possible.
- Talking to your child about what they watch or play and encouraging them to tell an adult if something makes them feel unsure or uncomfortable.
- Keeping screen time balanced with reading, play and family time.



For further guidance, the BBC Own It website offers excellent, child-friendly advice:

✉ [BBC Own It - Understanding Age Ratings](#)

Sora Online Library

Before Christmas, children were sent home with their **Sora login details**. Sora is an **online reading library** that gives children access to a wide range of texts, all in one place.



Using Sora, children can enjoy:

- Picture books and early readers
- Chapter books
- Magazines and comics
- Audiobooks (perfect for developing a love of stories and supporting comprehension)

Sora is designed to be used **together with an adult**, making it a great opportunity to share reading time at home. Children can explore new books, listen to stories being read aloud, and build confidence with reading in a fun and engaging way.

We strongly encourage families to make use of Sora alongside regular home reading. Time spent reading — whether independently, together, or through audiobooks — all supports vocabulary, comprehension and a lifelong love of books.

If you have any difficulties accessing Sora or need login details re-sent, please let us know.



Home Learning

Whilst homework can be an important tool in helping children with their learning, we realise that it needs to be purposeful and engaging. We are also mindful that, in secondary school, children will receive much more homework so we are beginning to prepare them for this. The home learning expectations in Year 6 are as follows:

- **Reading:** 3x weekly (minimum) - recorded in reading diaries.
- **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:** 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.



Boosters

Our before and after school booster sessions will be taking place again this term, but with a few changes to groups/timings. These are set up on **Arbor**; please log in to check if your child has been invited to a session and, if so, give permission for them to attend.

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,

Mr Davies
Osprey Class Teacher
Assistant Headteacher

Miss Tugwell
Peregrine Class Teacher



Diary Dates

Spring term

Event	Date
INSET day	Monday 5 th January 2026
First day of Spring term	Monday 5 th January 2026
Pantomime (at school)	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Year 6 Mock SATs Week	Friday 16 th January 2026
Parliament Week	Monday 26 th - Thursday 30 th January 2026
Year 6 WW2 Workshop	Monday 26 th January 2026
Spring half-term	Thursday 12 th February 2026
Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February 2026
World Book Day	Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th March 2026
Class Photos	Thursday 5 th March 2026
Year 6 Mock SATs Week	Tuesday 10 th March 2026
PTA Spring Disco	Monday 16 th - Thursday 19 th January 2026
KS2 Parents vs Kids sports event	Tuesday 17 th March 2026
PTA Easter Tombola	Tuesday 24 th March 2026
INSET day	Tuesday 24 th March 2026
Last day of Spring term	Friday 27 th March 2026
	Friday 4 th April 2025

Long term

Event	Date
First day of Summer term	Tuesday 13 th April 2026
Year 6 SATs Week	Monday 11 th May - Thursday 14 th May 2026
Summer half-term break	Monday 15 th - Friday 29 th May 2026
Year 6 Residential at Tile Barn (New Forest)	Monday 1 st - Wednesday 17 th June 2026
Last day of Summer term	Wednesday 2 nd July 2026

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.		
Wednesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths	Handwriting	Lunch	History	Music	Faith Assembly
Thursday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths	Handwriting		RE	Spanish	
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.

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