



Greenfield Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for the first term of the year. Year 6 is a great year: we get to see the children make so much progress, challenge themselves in lots of different ways and really enjoy being the oldest in the school and all the exciting opportunities that brings. We also expect them to rise to these challenges, work hard, improve their independence and become responsible role models for the rest of the school, ready for their transition to secondary school. We've got a fun, action-packed year planned and are looking forward to helping and supporting your children to reach their full potential.

Here's a quick overview of the subjects and topics that will be taught in Year 6 over the next term and some information regarding homework and PE. We hope you find this useful and that it enables you to discuss and research the topics that your child will be studying at home together. If you would like further information then take a look at our class page.

Maths

Year 6's Maths will be taught by Mrs Juster. The majority of work we do in Maths relies heavily on being able to recall key number facts and use these to solve problems with larger numbers. Much of the Maths we do also relies on being able to spot times table facts, so lots of extra work on these at home using TT Rockstars, Hit the Button and Maths Shed would be great. In class we will be studying the following unit of work:

1st half term

- Place value, including rounding and negative numbers
- Formal addition and subtraction (column method) and using this in problem solving and reasoning questions
- Long multiplication and short division (bus stop method) again using this in problem solving and reasoning questions
- Adding and subtracting fractions (including where a common denominator is needed to be found)
- Comparing fractions including equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions²

2nd half term

- Multiplying and dividing fractions – both by whole numbers and fractions
- Decimals
- Measurements – converting units (multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000)

English

Reading and Writing will be taught by Miss Beardmore in Year 6. This first term we will be focusing on recapping and embedding some key English skills and language. This will include:

- **Handwriting** – we will be focusing heavily on presentation of work, speed and fluency as the expectation in quantity of writing increases in year 6, also children **cannot** achieve the expected level in writing if they don't show that they can write in a fluent cursive style when needed.
- **Spelling** – in these sessions, children will explore and learn spelling rules and patterns. We will also look at a lot of the SPaG (Spelling Punctuation and Grammar) objectives in these sessions too.





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- Using a large variety of **punctuation** – children are expected to be confident at using punctuation within a sentence by the end of year 6 so pointing out how commas, speech marks (inverted commas), brackets, dashes, hyphens, colons and semi-colons are used when reading would be really useful.
- **Grammar** – identifying different word types, clauses and phrases and using the correct tense.
- **Sentence Structures**- this is going to be a huge focus point throughout the year, where we will begin each lesson with some work on how sentences are structured and allow the children to explore sentences and vocabulary in more detail.

Our first class novel will be 'Wonder' by R.J Palacio. This is a really touching novel which deals with the issues that a young boy with Treacher Collins syndrome faces. I'm hoping to watch the film as a class once we've read the book (**This is a PG film so please contact school if you DO NOT wish your child to watch it**).

The genres of writing covered in our first half term will include: *diary in role, setting description, explanation text and non-chronological reports*.

In our second half term, we will be reading a fantasy novel called 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie. The writing genres covered in our second half term will be: *debate, portal narratives, persuasive letters and poetry*.

Topics – History & Geography

During the first half term, we will be delving into the ancient civilisation of the Maya by exploring the big question, 'Why were the Maya a marvel?' We will be exploring where the Maya civilization is located on maps, the number, writing and calendar systems and how they compare to ours today, who the Mayan people worshipped, what the architecture was like and how the society was formed.

In our second half term will be focusing on Geography, answering the big question, 'Where does our food come from?' We will be focusing on chocolate through this topic to explore links to both ancient worlds and modern day making and uses of chocolate. We will also explore fair trade and global issues related to production.

Science

During the first half term we will be looking at 'Living things and their habitats', which will include classifying and identifying organisms and microorganisms.

During the second half term we will be looking at 'Electricity and renewable energy', where we will be creating our own circuits.

Other subjects

We will use Computing as an integral part of lessons in the classroom and plan to make good use of the iPads in school as well as teaching Computing explicitly.

Spanish will be taught weekly starting the year revising key phonics and how to pronounce certain letter patterns in the Spanish language. We will then move on to 'presenting myself'.





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PSHE will be taught weekly beginning with the SCARF topics of 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Difference'. We will also discuss other aspects of PSHE, relating to school rules, expected behaviours, British Values and protected characteristics.

RE will focus on the key questions: 'How do Sikhs express their beliefs?' and 'How might pilgrimage transform people's lives?'

PE – This year children are to come to school in full PE kit on their class's PE days – our days this term are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Homework - children are expected to complete 2 ½ hours of homework per week when in year 6 (half an hour a night)

Year 6 homework this year will be:

- Reading book – aim to read at least 3 times a week and get an adult to sign your reading record to say you have read at home. Your reading record will need to be brought back to school weekly.
- Spelling Shed – practise your spellings at home ready for your Thursday test.
- TT Rockstars – practise your times tables weekly.
- Sentence writing – Write at least 5 sentences or a paragraph in your green homework book. Instructions will be stuck in your book to explain each week's task which will link to our writing in class.
- Maths Homework – Mrs Juster will set your Maths homework on Maths Shed each week. Some paper tasks may sometimes be sent home.
- English Homework – Grammar or Reading activity – this will be sent home each week on paper.

Homework will be set on Friday and should be completed and handed in to school no later than the following Thursday to enable time for marking.

SATS – We will be completing Baseline SATs after a few weeks of settling in. We will then complete another set in December to check on progress and identify gaps in learning. All results will be shared and score explained. These MOCK tests are a great opportunity for your child to experience these tests under similar conditions to the real tests, become familiar with the type and style of questioning, practise working within the time restraints given and build their confidence as they see their scores progressing. The official SATS tests will be taken on the week beginning Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May.

Please also remember that **only fruit or vegetables** should be brought in for anyone wanting a snack at breaktime and water bottles should be taken home each night, cleaned, refilled (with water only) and returned to school the following day.

We know this is a lot of information but Year 6 is such an important year for preparing your children for secondary school and the responsibilities which come with that. It's a really good time to get your children used to managing





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their workload in a familiar environment. We hope that this information will be useful in supporting your child this coming term. If you need anything then we're only a phone call away so if ever you have any issues or concerns or just want a bit of advice on how you can best help your child then give the school office a ring to make an appointment with them for us to give you a call back.

And remember to keep an eye on our website, especially our class page! Here's looking forward to a successful school year together!

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Beardmore and Mrs Juster

