



# Year 6 Spring Term 2025



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

We hope you are looking forward to the exciting events ahead in 2025.

We have put together this pamphlet to provide you with information about life in Year 6 for Spring Term.

If you have any worries, however small, please do not hesitate to contact us. At the moment, this needs to be done using Class Dojo, a brief chat on the yard at home time or through making a longer appointment by contacting the office.

We hope that by working together we can make this term a very profitable one for your child. We will continue to prepare and support children for their SATs in May and work to ensure that all children make the best possible progress. We will continue to offer them interesting and challenging activities and experiences and encourage them to become independent learners.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Booth and Miss Phillipson





## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

**Start of the day** - All Year 6 children are expected to be in school at 8.10am (entering through the hall or gym door). We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives on time and that they are ready for learning. Lessons start at 8.15am so it is crucial that children are arriving on time so that there is no disruption.

**End of the day** - Year 6 children will continue to finish school at 3.00pm. Please let the office know if your child is allowed to walk home alone. A letter will need to be completed so that we have the correct records. Remember that those with siblings in Year 2 or 3 will leave via the gym/ hall; and all Year 6 children will finish at 3.30pm on a Tuesday and Wednesday, due to In Harmony.

**Attendance**- As a whole school we have an attendance target of 98% and we hope to constantly achieve or better this. Please ensure your child comes to school every day and remember to phone if they are absent. Holidays will not be authorised in term time unless it is exceptional circumstances. An appointment should be arranged with Mrs Robson before making any plans. We will continue to award good attendance through a variety of initiatives.

**Uniforms and Coats** - We would be grateful if all uniform could be clearly named! The only jewellery to be worn is a very small pair of stud earrings and a simple watch. Children should not wear false nails.

**Reading** - Please remember that reading folders should be brought to school every day. We record which children have their folders in school on a daily basis. We would encourage you to write a comment in your child's reading record book every time you hear them read their books.

**PE**- Zebras have PE on a Tuesday morning and Leopards have PE on a Thursday morning. Children can wear trainers and tracksuits if the weather is cold but should bring uniform to change back in to. Children will also continue with Dance for the first two weeks of Spring Term.

**Homework** - Homework will now be given out daily. This will usually be a few pages from the Year 6 SATs revision guides and should take children no longer than 15 minutes. This will focus on either Maths, Reading or Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPaG). All homework will be marked together in class on the following day so that children receive instant verbal feedback. Children are expected to look after their revision guides as replacements will cost £5 each.

**Class Dojo**- We will be continuing to communicate with parents using the Class Dojo app. Most parents are already signed up to this but it is vital that you are checking this regularly to ensure that no key messages are missed. Children can also have their own account.

**Secondary school offer day**- Parents who applied for their child's secondary school by the deadline back in October will find out their child's allocated school on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025.



## This is what we're doing this term!

<b>English</b>	We will cover narrative, non-fiction and poetry in a variety of ways. Both reading, and writing will be a focus to help the children learn and understand different styles and genres of each text type, so they can use these features in their own independent writing. We will be exploring a new text called Pig-heart Boy, which will involve workshops with the Theatre Royal at the latter end of the term.
<b>Maths</b>	We will continue to cover and revise the nine key areas of mathematics. These are: number and place value; addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, ratio and proportion, algebra, measures, geometry, position and direction and statistics. Throughout each area, we will be relating the maths to 'real life' contexts and situations in order for the children to see how mathematical skills are needed in everyday situations. We will be solving problems and using our reasoning skills. Children will prepare for their Arithmetic and Reasoning SATs by practising past papers.
<b>Science</b>	We will continue our work on Evolution and Inheritance and learn about Charles Darwin. We will also look at Light and Electricity. The children will continue to plan, carry out and investigate their own experiments to promote independence and critical thinking.
<b>Computing</b>	We will continue to use computers, laptops and iPads in all areas of the curriculum. The children will continue to develop skills at word processing and using specific programmes for a given purpose. They will also learn about using spreadsheets on Excel and animation using iPads. E-safety will continually be revisited including a special focus on Safer Internet Day.
<b>PSHE</b>	This term in PSHE we will think about how the media can influence people. We will look at respectful behaviour both on and offline. We will also continue our work on the STAR Project focusing on wellbeing and expression through dance.
<b>P.E.</b>	In P.E this term we will be working on team games. We will work with Adam, our PE coach. We will develop the skills needed to play netball and understand the rules of this game. We will then revisit our hockey skills from Year 5. We will also continue to do dance with Dean.
<b>R.E.</b>	In R.E. this term we will focus on Christianity. We will start by looking at God is Spirit. We will also be thinking about people's perceptions of Jesus and revisit learning about Easter.
<b>Music</b>	We will continue our In Harmony lessons. On Wednesdays, we will have Ensemble where all of Year 6 play together in the Bridgewater Symphony Orchestra. We will also have a sectional lesson to help improve our skills in reading music and understanding musical vocabulary.
<b>Art</b>	In the first half of this term we will be looking at artwork and studying "The Great Wave" by Hokusai. We will create block prints inspired by his work that focus on the idea of a 'Great Wave'.
<b>DT</b>	After half term, we will work on DT and create a product using electrical components which will link with our learning in science. We will apply our knowledge of creating a circuit.

<b>Geography/ History</b>	Our topic this term will be called "Extreme Earth" and will mostly focus on geography. We will learn about different natural disasters including earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. We will think about how we can protect our planet with a focus on plastic pollution. The children will understand how some disasters are man-made and their role in Global Citizenship.
<b>Languages</b>	We will continue to learn Spanish with Mrs Bennaceur. We will learn how to talk and write about different sports and say which we enjoy. We will then move on to describing different symptoms if a person is unwell.
<b>Other events</b>	<p>We will be taking part in the WEST Trust STEMtastic week. We will take part in lots of exciting activities focusing on science, technology, engineering and maths. We will also take part in a variety of workshops at the Centre for Life, Discovery Museum, Newcastle Eagles and NUCastle and consider different STEM careers.</p> <p>Workshops with the Theatre Royal will begin on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March with both classes.</p> <p>We will take part in celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Simon Bartram, author, will be inspiring us.</p> <p><b>EASTER SCHOOL-</b> to help keep the brain ticking over will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. This will just be for the mornings of these dates and will focus on maths and English.</p>

**Key Stage 2 SATs will take place from  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

