

Year 6 Spring Term Overview

A guide for Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Year 6 Spring overview. We hope to provide you with some useful information about Year 6 in the lead up to SATS as well as an overview of the terms curriculum. The school curriculum has changed slightly from last year in order to ensure children are covering the skills they need. We value and appreciate parental support and interest in the curriculum and we are sure that your child does too.

This term, our topic is 'Chocolate'. The children will learn all about the Maya Civilisation and how chocolate was discovered as well as learning all about North and South America. Please see the attached overview for more information about the curriculum the children will be learning during the term.

PE

PE is an important part to curriculum. It challenges and promotes self-esteem through the development of confidence, resilience, perseverance and a positive mindset. It teaches children to cope with both success and failure as well keep physically healthy. Therefore, it is vital that children have the correct PE kit in school. The uniform is red or white T-Shirt (plain); black shorts/tracksuit bottoms or leggings and black, plain trainers. Children who do not have the correct kit, or a kit in school will be offered substitutes from the school 2nd hand shop.

Homework

The Department for Education guidelines recommend that pupils in Year 6 receive around 2½ hours of homework per week. We also believe that Year 6 is a time to start preparing children for the transition to secondary school and that this means becoming organised and coping with a greater amount of homework.

Maths: In Year 6, children will be given a small weekly maths based homework task set on IXL each Friday. This will be due the following Friday.

In addition to this, we would like children to spend a minimum of 10 minutes on Times table practise 3 times per week. This is because

times tables are such a vital tool to help unlock subjects such as fractions, and we have identified times table knowledge as a gap for some children. Hit the Button is a great website to practise this skill.

English: Discrete English homework, primarily based around our SPaG work, will be given to support the learning done in class. This will be set on a Friday and will be due in the following Friday.

Reading: Children in Year 6 are expected to be reading independently on a regular basis and a minimum of three times a week. Reading with an adult is also vitally important as discussion of the texts will not only help develop children's reading comprehension skills, but provide them with ideas for their own writing. If your child is a reluctant reader, you could try reading to them, reading magazines/online articles and discussing them with your child. Children are to record their reading in their reading diaries and bring them daily into school.

The children will be using the online 'Reading Plus program within school this year, and this will be used to check that reading is happening at home on a regular basis.

This term, there will be a weekly homework club where children are able to come and get some help with any homework they are finding tricky. This is also an opportunity for children to catch up on any homework they have not been able to complete at home. Please see timetable below for information on dates and times.

If your child is struggling with their homework, feel free to support them yourself and just include a note about support given. Alternatively, encourage them to come and talk to one of the adults in Year 6 who will be able to help – the earlier in the week, the better!

Homework Club

Tuesday 3.15pm-4pm	Wednesday 8.15am- 8.45am
10 th January	11 th January
17 th January	18 th January
24 th January	25 th January
31 st January	1 st February
7 th February	8 th February
21 st February	22 nd February
28 th February	1 st March
7 th March	8 th March
14 th March	15 th March
21 st March	22 nd March

Your child may not need to attend this on a weekly basis, however it will be their responsibility to make sure they use the club to do their homework if they are unable to complete at home.

If you are happy for your child to attend homework club when needed, please complete the permission slip below (or email: class6@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk).

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Homework Club Permission

I agree for my child.....to attend homework club either on Tuesdays at 3.15pm – 4pm or Wednesday mornings at 8.15am- 8.45am.

On a Wednesday session, my child will be picked up/walking home.

Signed.....