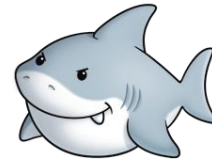


Welcome to Year 6



Information for parents

Staff

The teachers and TAs who work across the year group are: Mrs Jerrett, Mr Owen, Mrs Cox, Miss Riley, Mrs Leary, Miss Stewart, Miss Stacey and Miss Vazquez. Additional staff will support individual pupils.

The children have lots of new and exciting things to learn throughout year 6 which are as follows:

Curriculum this year:

During the year we approach all subjects, some once a week, some for a more intensive block in a particular term. We try to ensure your child has work that is challenging for them, but achievable. If your child is worried or stressed by their workload, please let us know and we can investigate.

Last year we introduced our ROARR successful learning dispositions (respectful, open, aspirational, resilient and reflective) across the school which encourages good learning skills, independence and motivation from the children. We are asking them to work as hard as they can and challenge themselves, pose their own questions and lead their own learning.

Our first topic is about the Victorians. An overview of the topics, themes and subjects can be found on our website.

Homework:

English and Maths as well as a spelling list will be given out on Fridays to be handed in on the following Friday. Spelling tests are on a Friday. The work will be explained in the lessons but do ask for help in the week if there are problems and we will be more than happy to help in school.

Each week the children will be set a Maths and English topic online using SATs Bootcamp, as well as a double sided A3 sheet with a reading comprehension and grammar recap task. The grammar recap task will always relate to what we have learnt in school that week. There will be information/ instructions on how to use SATs Bootcamp below this letter.

Each piece should take no more than half an hour. If your child has worked for this time, they can stop and if you could put an initial on their work, that would be great. Thank you! If your child wants to tell you about their learning at school, please encourage them, as this helps embed the knowledge. They also love to hear about your learning experience at school, so tell all! The most important homework in our opinion is regular reading. Instructions and expectations are in their reading diaries. An important factor in Year 6 especially is stamina.

We encourage the children to come to us to ask for help if they are struggling with the homework. SATs Bootcamp can be tricky at times, but we believe that this not only supports them in SATs practice but in preparation for online homework sites that Secondary schools use. There are always adults available during the school day and we are more than happy to sit with your child and help them with a topic if they are finding it challenging at home.

Spellings

As mentioned above, all children will have spellings to learn; given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Children can access their spelling list on Edshed and will be expected to practise these during the week. Your child will also be given a paper copy so they can practise using Edshed online or written. This is a key element of meeting the age-related expectations in writing, and forms part of the **SATS tests**.

Behaviour and Rewards

The school runs a positive behaviour system where the children are expected to work together in order to earn a class treat- these behaviours are ones conducive to good learning, and community spirit.



We run a house point system which will continue this year. A copy of our behaviour policy can be found on our website. The Above and Beyond award is given in whole school assemblies for achievements related to learning in school that week and showing the ROARR dispositions.

If your child is having difficulties with their behaviour, we will meet with you to discuss how we can help them.

Property

Children need to wear their PE kit to school twice a week. We have 2 PE sessions every week but are also lucky to have occasional visits by coaches and at times our days in the hall change- we will let you know via email if this happens. Appropriate trainers are essential please.

If your child is participating in a sporting club or event after school club on a non- PE day, they will need to bring in their kit unless informed otherwise. PE is a compulsory subject, and we will always encourage the children to take part to the best of their abilities.

Please name all property (jumpers, ties etc).

Secondary Admissions

This is the exciting time when secondary school beckons. You should receive a letter early in the Autumn term giving you details about how to apply for a secondary school place. You can apply online or by post.

Check the website www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions for open evenings and further information. We recommend selecting three choices on your application, and not missing the deadline.

SATS

National tests in English and Maths happen in May every year. This has changed slightly from previous years and now includes a **formal grammar test** and random spelling test. It is worth noting that it is very technical and requires the children to memorise lots of grammar terms and rules, which we will of course revise in school. Handwriting (joined) and correct positioning of letters on the lines does impact on their scores. The children's writing is assessed by staff, but is externally moderated, and forms part of their final KS2 assessment this year. This information is formally reported to both yourselves, and the Department for Education. Secondary schools also make use of this data, but in ways appropriate to themselves.

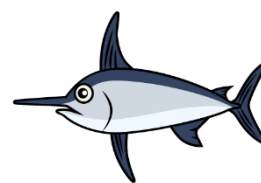
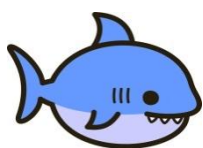
'Pass' marks are decided after the children take the tests and we will obviously not know the exact content of the tests. We have some sample materials which we can show you. There are no longer levels. (Those of you with older children will remember the level 3, 4 and 5 – now the children will either reach a pass standard or not). There will be a SATs meeting for parents to attend in the Spring term in which you can ask any detailed questions about the process.

Parents' Evenings

There will be a parents' evening in October/November (then again in February/March) to give you a chance to talk to us about your child's learning. In the summer term, you will receive the final written report, along with your child's SATs results (whether they have met the standards or not) and writing assessments.

Residential

There is a residential for Year 6 in the summer term which you will have already received information about. This year, we had a very successful and enjoyable trip to Skern Lodge in North Devon and we hope that as many children in the year group as possible will want to join us.



SATS Dates

The Key Stage 2 SATs tests are timetabled from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026. These are statutory tests.

Additional Information

The school day starts promptly at 8:50. We begin Reading Masters as soon as the children arrive, after the register, so it is essential that your child is on time for school so that they do not miss out on any lesson input.

Social media- with so many children now having mobile phones and access to social media sites, we kindly ask for your support in being aware of your child's actions and communications online as this is becoming an ever-increasing problem and one of concern. Many of these issues arise outside of school hours but the impact is felt in school and over the following days.

Contacting Staff

If you would like to meet with the teachers for any reason, we're happy to make an appointment with you or, alternatively you can call the school office and we'll reply as soon as we can. We hope this will be a great year for all of us! If you have a quick query, you can ask us at the start of the day or send an email.

Thank you very much for your support with the children's learning and for taking the time to read this information. Year 6 is a very special year; your child is top of the school and should really enjoy this opportunity. They will be expected to work very hard but also have loads of fun. We look forward to your continued support in getting them ready for the challenges of KS3!

ANY QUESTIONS, JUST ASK.

SATs Bootcamp

This is the link to accessing SATS Bootcamp online:

[SATs Boot Camp - Year 6 SATs Revision, Practice Papers & SATs Questions Online \(yearsix.co.uk\)](https://yearsix.co.uk)

Alternatively, you can search SATs Bootcamp in the search engine.

Your child will be given a login to SATs Bootcamp which will be written in the front of their reading diaries. We will set an area of maths and English each week (English may consist of grammar practise or reading). The children will need to watch the videos, read the information and then complete the practise questions in order for the area to show as completed. For maths, we encourage the children to have a piece of paper and pencil ready to carry out any workings out.

There are also practise SATs papers which the children can work through in their own time.