

Year 6

Autumn Term 2025



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good summer break and the children are refreshed and ready to learn. Year 6 is a really fun filled, adventure packed year for the children. We have lots to look forward to with the residential, SATs and enterprise week being some of the key moments in the year.

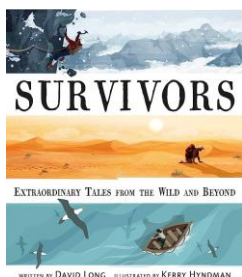
Learning Journey

We start this term's work with our Mission Survive learning journey. We will be reading lots of inspiring real life survival stories and learning about incredible human and physical geography from around the world. The learning journey will lead to our Year 6 residential. For more details visit the school website where you will find an overview for the year for all subjects.



English

In Year 6, our focus in writing is to ensure that the children develop greater speed and stamina for creating quality texts. They will draw on their knowledge of the full range of GPS they have learnt throughout their time at school and apply this with intent and purpose. We will encourage the children to consider themselves as authors for each piece of writing they do; learning to look back at their writing with a critical eye in order to improve on each piece. Additionally, we will continue to have a whole school focus on vocabulary and presentation of work - encouraging children to take pride in every piece of work.



This half term we will be looking at descriptive writing within non-fiction texts, drawing on inspiration from our reading as well as the events from our busy half term. Our taught lessons will be linked to our topic work; the children will also have the opportunity to complete an independent piece of writing at the end of each half term.



Reading continues to be an important skill to develop and in Year 6 it is vital that the children develop their stamina for reading longer texts in preparation for secondary school. We do expect all children to read frequently at home for at least 15 minutes a day. We fully appreciate that most children enjoy reading on their own, but the conversation you can have with your child during and after they have read can dramatically improve their understanding of the book and sometimes heighten their interest. Children should record all the reading they do in their reading record. Please ensure this comes to school every day.



Maths

This half term we will be ensuring that we are secure in all the mathematical foundations required for Year 6; including place value, calculating with the four operations and fractions, decimals and percentages, as well as developing further understanding of ratio and proportion and measures.

PE

Our PE sessions this term will take place twice a week - Wednesdays and Fridays. Children should come to school in their PE kit on these days. Please ensure that children have the correct PE kit and earrings **should not be worn to school** on PE days. Children will not be able to take part in PE lessons if they cannot remove their earrings.

Homework

Weekly homework will be set on a Friday and should be uploaded onto Seesaw by the following Thursday morning (unless stated otherwise). They will have Maths and English homework, as well as reading, each week. In addition, children will have one piece of topic homework to complete each half term - check Seesaw to see the grid for this term. For Year 6 children, completing their homework consistently and on time is a good stepping stone in preparation for secondary school.

Essentials in Cedar class

Please bring to school -

- A named water bottle
- A waterproof coat
- A fruit snack for break time
- A **small** bag containing reading book and reading record

The children have been provided with a small pencil case with all the essentials for their learning. This will be kept in school and they do not need to bring in any other pencil case from home.

At the end of this letter I have attached some key dates for Year 6 - including some planned trips and events for the year with an estimate of cost - costs and dates will be confirmed closer to the events. Please note these trips and dates are subject to change during the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Kind Regards

Mrs Olliver

Year 6 key dates and events:

Term/Date	Event	ESTIMATED Cost and other details.
Monday 7 th September to Saturday 31 st October	Secondary School Places Open for applications: https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/guidance/key-dates-for-secondary-school-places/	You must apply before the deadline on 31st October.
September and October	Secondary School Open Evenings - check the secondary school websites for further details.	Dates we are aware of: Ormiston - Thursday 17 th September FCC - Tuesday 22 nd September TRS - Wednesday 23 rd September SPH - Thursday 24 th September CFS - Wednesday 7 th October Bishop Luffa Thursday 8 th October
Thursday 10 th September @ 3.30pm in Cedar Class	Year 6 parents welcome and residential information meeting.	N/A
Friday 18 th September	House captain speeches in assembly	Children will need to have their speeches ready this day if they would like to put them self forward for house captain.
Monday 5 th October	Harvest Festival Assembly	A donation for the harvest festival collection (i.e tins, packets).
Friday 9 th October	School Photos	N/A
Wednesday 14 th - Friday 16 th October	Residential	To be discussed at parent meeting in September
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 6 Residential Assembly @9.30am	N/A
3 rd and 18 th November	Parents Evening	N/A
Friday 13 th November	Non-Uniform Day for Xmas Fair	Donated Items TBC
Monday 16 th November	Visit to Tangmere Aviation Museum	Approx £10 (a letter will be sent home with more details)
Friday 20 th November	Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day	£1
24 th @ 3.15pm and 25 th November @ 8.40am	Sharing of work drop in.	Parent are invited to come and look at their children's books in class.
Friday 27 th November	Christmas Fair	N/A
Friday 11 th December	Xmas Jumper Day	£1
Monday 14 th December at 2pm	Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Afternoon - parents invited	(a letter will be sent home with more details)
January/February TBC	Leavers Hoodies to order (can be worn after the Easter Holidays).	Details will be sent from JW Sports.
Thursday 14 th January @ 3.30pm in Cedar Class	SATs meeting for parents.	N/A
9 th and 17 th March	Parents Evening	N/A
Friday 19 th March	Comic Relief Day	£1
23 rd @ 3.15pm and 24 th March @ 8.40am	Sharing of work drop in.	Parent are invited to come and look at their children's books in class.
Week Beginning 19 th April	Year 6 Bikeability for those that sign up.	Children will need bikes in school for the week. More details will be sent out.
Thursday 29 th April	Class photo day	N/A
Monday 10 th May - Friday 14 th May	SATS Week	A parents meeting will be held prior to this.

Friday 11 th June	Non-Uniform Day for Summer Fair	Donated Items TBC
Week beginning 14 th June.	Enterprise Week	A letter will be sent home with more details.
Friday 18 th June	Summer Fair	N/A
TBC June	Year 6 Treat Days	Two treat days to celebrate their hard work - the cost of these is covered by their enterprise week businesses. More details will be sent out closer to the time.
Friday 25 th June	Sports Morning	
Friday 25 th June	Year 6 Leavers Pizza Party	A letter will be sent home with more details.
Monday 5 th , Tuesday 6 th and Wednesday 7 th July	KS2 Summer Production	Tickets will go on sale after the May half term.
Wednesday 7 th July	Secondary School Transition Day	N/A
Friday 9 th July	Reports and SATs Results	
Friday 16 ^h July @1.45pm	Leavers Assembly and trophies - Year 6 parents invited.	