

Year 6

Autumn Term 2024



Dear Parents and Guardians,

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 with the residential, SATs and enterprise week being some of the key moments in the year.

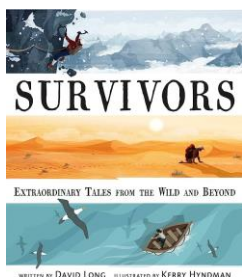
Learning Journey

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 Survival Night experience and our Year 6 residential. For more details visit the school website where you will find an overview for the year for all subjects.

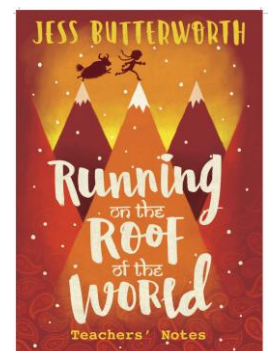


English

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 within the term as well as a free write 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

Please support your child in ensuring that they continue to develop their fluency with their times tables as this is an integral part of Maths. It is important that these facts are practised, learnt and retained (2x-12x). If your child is already confident with tables, move onto recalling division facts. As a school we have bought into some good programmes that they children can use at home to practice their maths skills. TTRockstars is a great resource from practicing times tables and Numbots is good for practicing general maths skills. This half term we will be ensuring that we are secure in all the mathematical foundations required for Year 6; including the four operations and calculating with fractions, decimals and percentages.



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 such as in the case of planning for independent writing). 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 many children, homework is a good stepping stone in preparation for secondary school. In addition to the set homework each week, children are encouraged to practice their tables using Times Table Rockstars.

Essentials in Cedar class

Please bring to school -

- A named water bottle
- A waterproof coat
- A fruit snack for break time
- A **small** rucksack 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 etc 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 2 nd September to Thursday 31 st October 2024	Secondary School Places Open for applications: https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/secondary-school-places/#overview	You must apply before the deadline on 31 st October.
September and October 2024	Secondary School Open Evenings - check the secondary school websites for further details.	Dates we are aware of: FCC - Tuesday 17 th September TRS - Thursday 19 th September Ormiston - Tuesday 24 th September SPH - Thursday 26 th September CFS - Wednesday 2 nd October Bishop Luffa - Thursday 3 rd October
Thursday 12 th September 2024 @ 3.30pm in Cedar Class	Year 6 parents meeting about Y6 and residential.	N/A
Thursday 19 th September 2024	Year 6 survival night.	£3 (a letter will be sent home with more details)
Week Beginning 23 rd September 2024	Year 6 Bikeability for those that have signed up.	Children will need bikes in school for the week.
Monday 7 th October 2024	Harvest Festival Assembly	A donation for the harvest festival collection (i.e tins, packets).
Friday 11 th October 2024	School Photos	N/A
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th October 2024	Residential	To be discussed at parent meeting in September
Thursday 24 th October 2024	Year 6 Residential Assembly @9.30am	N/A
7 th and 20 th November 2024	Parents Evening	N/A
Friday 15 th November 2024	Children in Need - Non Uniform Day	£1
Friday 22 nd November 2024	Non Uniform Day for Xmas Fair	Donated Items TBC
Friday 6 th December 2024	Xmas Jumper Day	£1
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Afternoon - parents invited	(a letter will be sent home with more details)
January 2025 TBC	Leavers Hoodies to order (can be worn after the Easter Holidays).	Details will be sent from JW Sports.
March 2024 TBC	Visit to Tangmere Aviation Museum	Approx £10 (a letter will be sent home with more details)
11 th and 19 th March 2025	Parents Evening	N/A
Friday 14 th March 2025	Comic Relief Day	£1
Thursday 1 st May 2025	Class photo day	N/A
Monday 12 th May - Friday 16 th May 2025	SATS Week	A parents meeting will be held prior to this.
June 2025 TBC	Enterprise Week	A letter will be sent home with more details.
June 2025 TBC	Year 6 Treat Days	Two treat days to celebrate their hard work - the cost of these is covered by their enterprise week

		businesses.
Friday 13 th June 2025	Non Uniform Day for Summer Fair	Donated Items TBC
Friday 27 th June 2025	Sports Morning	
Friday 27 th June 2025	Year 6 Leavers Pizza Party	A letter will be sent home with more details.
Monday 7 th , Tuesday 8 th and Wednesday 9 th July	KS2 Summer Production	Tickets will go on sale after the May half term.
Potentially: Thursday 10 th July 2025 TBC	Year 6 STEM Enrichment visit to Festival of Speed	Approx £10 Details will be sent home closer to the time if we are able to secure tickets for the school.
Friday 11 th July 2025	Reports and SATs Results	
Friday 18 ^h July 2024 @2pm	Leavers Assembly and trophies - Year 6 parents invited.	