



# Year Six News

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## Enterprise

**Welcome to Year 6. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.**

This term sees the start of our exciting project; which sees the pupils become entrepreneurs, bringing together different aspects of the curriculum, especially English, Maths, ICT and DT lessons (cooking). The lessons will eventually culminate in an Artisan Bread Festival event, in which our newly formed bread companies will show off their final product via an online website and a showcase of their company outcomes. We will be evaluating a range of different bread types to help us decide on flavours, texture and consistency, as well as conducting market research with potential 'customers' to help make decisions and evaluate choices. We will be inviting parents in to visit the children's bakeries - more details to follow in due course. We anticipate this being in November.

### English

During this half term, year 6 will be focussing their English reading, writing and SPaG (Spelling, punctuation and Grammar) through the book *The Midnight Fox* by Betsy Bryars. A superb book which offers the children a chance to explore the question 'what's the risk of not changing?' We will cover debates and persuasive writing. This text is brilliantly accessible to all reading levels which makes it a fantastic text to kick off Year 6.



### Maths

The half term starts with Number and Place Value, including a look at comparing and ordering numbers to 10,000,000, negative numbers and rounding numbers. After this we will move onto looking at all four calculation strategies and cover multiples, factors, prime numbers, cube and square numbers and the correct order of operations. We will be using 'Times Tables Rockstars' along the way and will be engaging in an online Battle with the other year groups before the end of the term, so please remind your children to play on this regularly as part of their homework.



### Science

Our Spring term Science focuses on Light where the children will be building on their previous learning, exploring problem solving and working scientifically. This unit will be practical and exciting and will help to develop their critical thinking, collaboration and independence skills.

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## Art

Children will be getting creative this half term as they explore the works of Warholl and Lichenstein, where they will be experimenting with their digital and multi-media art skills to create their own Pop Art outcome.

## PE

Our PE lessons will be on a Monday and a Tuesday this term. As always, please ensure that PE kit is left in school every day. This half term we will be venturing onto the field (weather permitting) for tag rugby. The children will be building on their ball skills and developing their collaboration skills in their new year 6 class. Indoor PE will be gymnastics, which will cement the skills they have been developing since year 3. In year 6, using the gymnastics equipment (including the wall bars!) is a key part of our learning.



## Homework

Our homework books are helping our year 6s to show increased independence and organisation skills in preparation for the move to secondary school. Two workbooks will be sent home on Wednesdays (Maths and either Comprehension or SPaG) and are due in on the following Monday. Please can we remind you (or help your child) to mark the workouts before they are returned to school every Monday. Please ensure that weekly spellings (spelling test and new spellings given on Mondays), times tables rock stars and reading is also adhered to on top of any other homework.

**Homework will start w/c 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

## How you can help your child:

There are some fantastic websites that help children to either revise main concepts or to speed up their maths mental recall. Why not try these for starters: *Shape*: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zy72pv4>  
*Times Tables*: [www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables)  
*Times Tables Rock Stars*- [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

## Reading:

Research tells us that children should still read **with** an adult on challenging but enjoyable texts every week. Year 6 have been sent home with a reading record book with spaces to sign each time they read at home. We would like your child to read at least four times a week and to have this recorded in their reading diary with an adult signing the diary at least once a week. We would also ask that, if you are able to, you ask your child questions about the text to ensure that they understand what they are reading. This will enable your child to further develop their comprehension skills. Skills which are vitally important in helping to understand and decode the world around us.

We are all very much looking forward to an exciting half-term. If you have any questions or comments about your child's learning, do come in and see us!

Kind regards,

The Year Six team

Mrs McLaughlin and Miss Argent

### Dates for the diary:

#### **Meet the Teacher**

12th September, 3.30pm

#### **Individual School Photos**

13<sup>th</sup> September

#### **Harvest Festival**

6<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Parents' Evenings**

17<sup>th</sup> October

18<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Safer Internet Day**

18<sup>th</sup> October

#### **HALF TERM**

23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Stubbington Residential**

w/c 27<sup>th</sup> November

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## Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

|              |           |            |           |              |            |           |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| accident     | calendar  | eight      | guide     | mention      | possession | straight  |
| accidentally | caught    | eighth     | heard     | minute       | possible   | strange   |
| actual       | centre    | enough     | heart     | natural      | potatoes   | strength  |
| actually     | century   | exercise   | height    | naughty      | pressure   | suppose   |
| address      | certain   | experience | history   | notice       | probably   | surprise  |
| although     | circle    | experiment | imagine   | occasion     | promise    | therefore |
| answer       | complete  | extreme    | important | occasionally | purpose    | though    |
| appear       | consider  | famous     | increase  | often        | quarter    | thought   |
| arrive       | continue  | favourite  | interest  | opposite     | question   | through   |
| believe      | decide    | February   | island    | ordinary     | recent     | various   |
| bicycle      | describe  | forward    | knowledge | particular   | regular    | weight    |
| breath       | different | forwards   | learn     | peculiar     | reign      | woman     |
| breathe      | difficult | fruit      | length    | perhaps      | remember   | women     |
| build        | disappear | grammar    | library   | popular      | sentence   |           |
| busy         | early     | group      | material  | position     | separate   |           |
| business     | earth     | guard      | medicine  | possess      | special    |           |

## Year 5 and 6 Statutory Spellings

|             |             |             |             |             |               |             |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| accommodate | category    | determined  | foreign     | lightning   | profession    | sincerely   |
| accompany   | cemetery    | develop     | forty       | marvellous  | programme     | soldier     |
| according   | committee   | dictionary  | frequently  | mischievous | pronunciation | stomach     |
| achieve     | communicate | disastrous  | government  | muscle      | queue         | sufficient  |
| aggressive  | community   | embarrass   | guarantee   | necessary   | recognise     | suggest     |
| amateur     | competition | environment | harass      | neighbour   | recommend     | symbol      |
| ancient     | conscience  | equip       | hindrance   | nuisance    | relevant      | system      |
| apparent    | conscious   | equipped    | identity    | occupy      | restaurant    | temperature |
| appreciate  | controversy | equipment   | immediate   | occur       | rhyme         | thorough    |
| attached    | convenience | especially  | immediately | opportunity | rhythm        | twelfth     |
| available   | correspond  | exaggerate  | individual  | parliament  | sacrifice     | variety     |
| average     | criticise   | excellent   | interfere   | persuade    | secretary     | vegetable   |
| awkward     | curiosity   | existence   | interrupt   | physical    | shoulder      | vehicle     |
| bargain     | definite    | explanation | language    | prejudice   | signature     | yacht       |
| bruise      | desperate   | familiar    | leisure     | privilege   | sincere       |             |

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