



Year 6 Key Information

Classes and Staff

There are two Year 6 classes: 6KJ and 6LS.

6KJ is taught by Miss Jarman and supported by Mrs Chatterton.

6LS is taught by Mrs Smith and supported by Mrs Etherton (who the children call 'Mrs E').

This year we are also very fortunate in having support from Mrs Harris on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week as an additional teacher for English and Maths.

Timetabling

This year the decision has been made that Year 6 will no longer do Outdoor Learning.

PE is on a Friday afternoon each week for both classes and will be taught by Mr Anderson.

Year 6 will also have a Computing lesson each Friday afternoon, taught by Mrs Boddy in our new Computing Suite.

In Term 1, Year 6 will swim on a Thursday morning at the Sovereign Centre. Swimming sessions will be taught by trained staff there but the children will be accompanied by year group staff from Shinewater. Whether we will continue to swim into Terms 2 and 3 is still to be confirmed.

On a Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Smith will teach both classes Music and Mrs E will teach both classes Art.

SATS 2020

SATs week is Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2020, the timetable for which is as follows:

Monday 11th May 2020	Tuesday 12th May 2020	Wednesday 13th May 2020	Thursday 14th May 2020
Spelling Paper Grammar Paper	Reading Paper	Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic Maths Paper 2:	Maths Paper 3: Reasoning

Please support us in preparing your children as fully as possible for these by ensuring they attend school regularly.

Interventions

In Year 6, we run a number of interventions for reading, writing and maths across the course of the year and children may be included in these for a variety of reasons. The majority of these run in the afternoons, although we also have some which take place during assembly times in the mornings. If your child is included in an intervention group, it does not mean they are underperforming or that we have concerns about their academic progress - the vast majority of interventions run so that we can give our Year 6 children a bit more of a 'push' to achieve their potential. If you have any concerns about interventions, please do come and speak to us.

Homework

Last academic year, Shinewater introduced the termly 'homework menu', which set a variety of tasks related to our topics for children to choose from. We will be continuing with that this year and our WW1 homework menus will be being sent home soon.

We will also send home a fairly long spelling list, which consists of a set of Year 3/4 words and a set of Year 5/6 words. The aim is that children are familiar with these by the end of the academic year and they will certainly form the basis of some of the spelling words they are given in their SATs spelling test in May. We will not be doing regular spelling tests in class but would encourage children to practise these words with you at home.

Later in the year, we may well send home additional revision activities for your child as we move closer to SATs week.

Residential Trip

We have provisionally booked the Isle of Wight for our Year 6 residential trip once again for Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th July 2020. Numbers will be limited and cost is still to be confirmed. We will be in touch with further details about our residential trip in the weeks to come.

Other Admin Bits

We keep current 'hometime arrangement' lists, which are up-to-date as far as we are aware with arrangements for the end of the day for your child. If circumstances change - for example, you are happy for your child to make their own way home after school - please do let us or the office know. We aren't able to let a child go (by themselves or with an adult whose name is not on our list) unless we have your permission to do so.

A quick reminder too that each child should have a water bottle in school with them each day. It makes a huge difference to concentration and energy levels if the children have had enough sleep, had a good breakfast in the morning and stay well-hydrated during the day.

Finally...

The children have made a wonderful start to Year 6 and have already embraced our challenging - and very busy - timetable!

If you have any quick questions or things to discuss with Miss Jarman or Mrs Smith, we always stand at our classroom doors in the mornings. If you'd like to talk at a little more length, we will be able to arrange an alternative time for you to see us.

Many thanks for your support in settling children into Year 6 life. We look forward to working with you over the coming year.