



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. Mrs Howard will also be working in 6KJ this year.

6LS is taught by Mrs Smith and supported by Mrs Etherton (who the children call 'Mrs E') and who will teach both classes Art.

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

Timetabling

The children will have one PE lesson per week on a rotating timetable so it is important that their PE kit is in school for the whole term.

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

Lessons each day will start promptly. 6LS should arrive at 8.45am and 6KJ at 8.50am. Lessons will start as soon as hands are washed so please aim to arrive on time.

SATS 2021

SATs week is Monday 10th May to Thursday 13th May 2021, the timetable for which is as follows:

Monday 10th May 2021	Tuesday 11th May 2021	Wednesday 12th May 2021	Thursday 13th May 2021
Spelling Paper Grammar Paper	Reading Paper	Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic Maths Paper 2: Reasoning	Maths Paper 3: Reasoning

We recognise that this academic year is going to be very different for your children returning to school and that they (and you) may have some anxieties about work missed during lockdown. Please be reassured that we will be preparing to teach both content from the end of Year 5 and our Year 6 curriculum this year. It will aid us in preparing your children as fully as possible for SATs in May if they are in 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 made a provisional booking with a different provider for 2021's residential trip. Due to uncertainties at this time, we are unable to confirm arrangements but hope to be able to give you more detail in the near future.

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 will be at the gate 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.