

# Year 6 Newsletter

Spring 2



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## Diary Dates

World Book Day Friday 7.3.25

Year 6 have a cricket coach on Friday 14.3.25  
(so PE Kits can be worn into school that day)

Year 6 D Day trip 1.4.25

Rainbow Day/Red Nose Day Friday 21.3.25  
INSET on Friday 4th April.



## We have reached the half way point!

We have had an amazing first term and a half in Year 6 and all the staff are so impressed by the children's work and attitude towards their learning.

This half term, we will be continuing to prepare for SATs and work with the children on their learning targets as well as preparing them for their transition to Year 7.

Little Library books are FREE!

Take one or more home to keep or swap. Please check they're age appropriate for your child.

## Key SATs dates

**Key Stage 2 SATS—All children in Year 6 will need to be in school every day.**

Monday 12th May 2025

Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1  
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2

Tuesday 13th May 2025

English Reading

Wednesday 14th May 2025

Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)  
Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 15th May 2025

Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

**PE:** Please remember children can wear PE kit for Thursdays. This needs to be a plain white t-shirt and black shorts or jogging bottoms. Please no football kits or coloured t-shirts.

Newsletter challenge: Together with your child, answer the questions on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have!



## English

This half term, we will be reading the books *The Arrival* -Shaun Tan; *The Island* – Armin Greder; and *The Weight of Water* – Sarah Crossnan. We will be exploring the themes of migrants, travelling and reunions. We will be writing letters and diaries from the various characters' points of view.

We will continue to focus on reading a wide range of shorter extracts to develop the children's comprehension skills as well as promoting reading for pleasure to all the children.

**In PSHE** This half term, the focus is on 'Healthy Me'. We focus on how to keep us safe when in the community and how to respect rules that are in place to protect us.

Our main focus will be around reducing stress and ways to help with this.

## Maths

This half term, the children will be initially looking at mental methods in math and working with the four operations. These skills are vital to help children to build and problem solve and use in other areas of maths. We hope that at this point of the year that you will be supporting your child with their times tables knowledge of all 12 tables.



If you need any ideas at home on how to help please drop in or send us an email. A great place to look at is <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

The second half of the half term, we will be continuing to focus on fractions, decimals, percentages and algebra. We know that this can sound scary for some children but as soon as we look at these areas, the children are amazed at what they can do as it is much easier than it sounds!

## Science

In Science, the children will be continuing to improve working scientifically by observing over time, pattern seeking and fair testing.

They will be using their prior knowledge of circuits and exploring the brightness of a bulb and what will affect it. This will then lead onto the children using their knowledge of how a circuit works and designing their own game later in the year.

What circuits can you find at home?



## Computing

This half term, children will be using spreadsheets to explore how formulas can be used to interpret data!

Year 6 are always amazed that a spreadsheet can calculate amounts so quickly!

Please ask your child what they have learnt about spreadsheets.

How could a spreadsheet help everyday life?



## Attendance

We know that sometimes we are unable to come to school but this half term is so important for Year 6 as they will be working on many areas new and old to help with their confidence in SATs.

Please ensure that they are in every day. Once in, if they are struggling, then we will contact you.

