



WELCOME PACK FOR PARENTS

Year 6

2023-2024



“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”—Proverbs 22:6

Welcome

As your child starts their journey in Year 6, they are on the verge of becoming young adults, developing inquisitive minds ready to question and challenge the world around them. We aim to encourage them to have a love of learning and to develop their independence. This booklet aims to provide you with information about what your child will be learning in school and how you can support them at home.

Meet the Staff

Our Year 6 teaching team are:

Mrs Lockett	Mr Card
Miss Dyke	Miss Preston
	Mrs Bostock

Our School Day

Children will enter school via the door by the KS2 playground.

8.45 – Doors open

10.25 - 10.45 – Collective Worship

10.45 -11.00 – Break times

12.00 – 13.00 – Lunchtime

15.15 – End of school day

Equipment and Uniform

We encourage all children to bring their own small pencil case and equipment to school. At the start of the school year, we will provide children with a pencil, a blue pen, a ruler, glue stick, scissors and handwriting pen (for those children who have a pen licence) and they will be encouraged to take responsibility for this equipment.

iPads

All children in Year 6 will have access to their own iPad which will be used to support and enhance their learning within the classroom

Water bottle

Children are requested to bring a water bottle to school with them. This will be kept on or near their desk and must only be filled with water and not juice/cordial.

Snacks/Tuck

Children can bring healthy snacks in from home to eat at lunch time. Toast and bagels are available to be ordered daily for morning break time. Please make sure that these are paid for in advance on Parent Pay.

Toast – 30p

Bagels – 35p

School Dinners

Pupils can choose to have a school dinner or bring a healthy packed lunch from home. The lunch menu must be chosen and paid for in advance via the school's 'Parent Pay' system.

Timetable & Curriculum Overview

DAY	8:50	9:00	9:25	10.2	10:45	11:00	12:00	1:00	1:15	2:15
MONDAY	Spelling	Guided Reading	Maths	ASSEMBLY	BREAK	English	LUNCH	Drop Everything & Read	Science	Class text
TUESDAY	SODA	Guided Reading	Maths		BREAK	English	LUNCH	Drop Everything & Read	History/ Geography	D&T/Art Class text
WEDNESDAY	Spelling	Guided Reading	Maths		BREAK	English	LUNCH	1:00 - 1:45 P.E.	1:45 - 2:30 Spanish	2:30 - 3:15 Music
THURSDAY	SODA	Guided Reading	Maths		BREAK	English	LUNCH	Drop Everything & Read	R.E.	Computing Class text
FRIDAY	SODA	Guided Reading	Maths		BREAK	English	LUNCH	1:00 Handwriting/ spelling	1:45 - 2:30 PSHE Heart Smart	2:30 - 3:15 P.E.

Our curriculum overviews can be found on the class pages on the school website.



Homework

Children will be set homework during term time on a weekly basis.

Homework books will go home on a **Friday** and are due back in on the following **Wednesday**.

The purpose of homework is to practise key skills which have been taught in school including arithmetic, grammar and punctuation or problem solving and reasoning tasks. Homework tasks should take no more than one hour per week. Weekly homework also helps to prepare children for the high school where they will be expected to complete homework daily.

An example of a weekly homework sheet.

Date	24.9.20			
	Rule – able We are continuing this week and next with –ible, -able, -ibly and –ably endings. Also remember to learn the words from the Y5/6 word list.			
Spellings	adorable advisable agreeable capable	comfortable disposable manageable miserable	portable reliable remarkable vegetable	appreciate apparent attached available
Grammar	Prepositions & adverbs Subordinate clauses & conjunctions Fronted adverbials Suffixes and prefixes Linking ideas & cohesion Relative clauses		I have set more activities on spag.com. These are revision from Year 3 and 4 so shouldn't be too tricky. Use your CGP book from last year and the SPAG mat in your reading diary to help you. Tick off each activity as you complete them and record your score in the box next to each one. If you are having trouble accessing at home, let me know and you can complete these at school.	
Maths	There are 15,600 people at a concert. There are 9,050 adults. The rest are children. How many more adults than children are there? Alex thinks of a number.  When I add 4,550 to my number I get 7,460 What number did Alex start with?		Mo has £1,000 to spend. He buys a TV and a games console.  Does Mo have enough money left to buy the phone? _____ Show your workings.	
Maths arithmetic	You did a great job with this last week. A huge thank you to all of the parents who helped their child with this – we work hard in year 6 to master key arithmetic skills and the aim is for the majority of children to be confident by Christmas at choosing an efficient strategy and improving their speed in completing these tests. Top tips this week – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 – 4.35 (For these questions, add two decimal place to 9 i.e. 9.00) For these questions use the inverse operation i.e. $3948 \div 4 =$ $\times 4 = 3,948$ Ask someone at home to check your answers with you. Can you improve your score from last week? 			
Things to remember	Wednesday PE- come to school in your PE kit (rowing) Friday – Swimming Remember to read for at least 15 minutes each night and record this in your reading diary. Please ask an adult at home to sign your diary. Homework is due back in school on Wednesdays. Anyone who has not completed their homework will need to complete it at school during their lunchtime.			
	Parent signature _____			

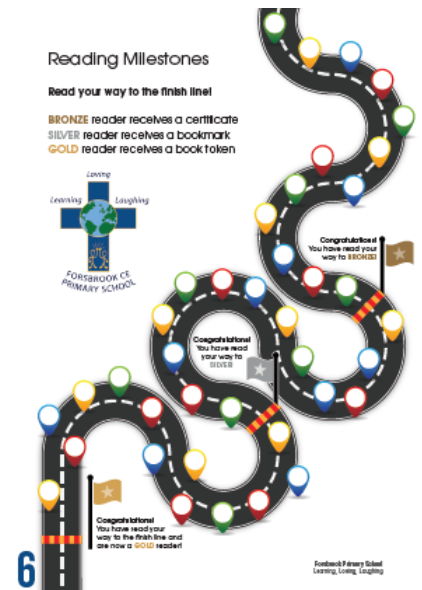
Spelling

Each week, we will focus on a new spelling rule. Children will then receive a list of spellings in their homework book and these will also be available to practise on Spelling Shed. Children will be tested on these spellings each week. Alongside these, each half term, they will have 20 words to practise from the Year 5/6 statutory spelling list. They will be tested on these spellings at the end of each half term . After the test, your child will highlight all words they can spell correctly so that they know which spellings they still need to continue to practise.

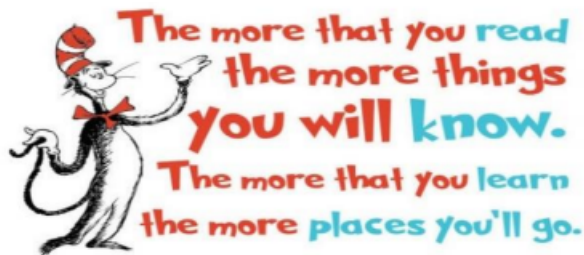


Being able to instantly recall multiplication facts is an important skill in Year 6. Children are encouraged to use TTRS to regularly practice and consolidate facts. Children also have access to other maths websites to help them at home. Logins for these sites are written in their home/school diary.

We ask that children read at least 4 times per week. Please sign your child's home/school link book to indicate when they have read. On a Friday morning, we will check your child's book and stamp the bottom of the page if they have read at least 4 times. This will then gain them a star on the 'Reading Road to success'. For every week your child reads at least four times, they will take another step along the road. When they eventually get to the bronze finish line, they will receive a certificate. Their next goal is then silver, where they will receive a special book mark, and then Gold. This is the ultimate goal, where they receive a book token.



Children will choose books according to their reading zone. Each half term, children will take an Accelerated Star Reader Test which will determine which “zone” they should be choosing books from. All of the books in our class library are labelled in this way but children are also welcome to read their own books from home. You can check the “zone” of a book using the following website: www.arbookfind.co.uk



If you need any advice on choosing suitable reading material, please ask. On the next page is a list of 100 recommended reads for Year 6. You can access this on the following website:

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year6>

Behaviour

We have a restorative approach towards behaviour which is underpinned by our school values: Love, Joy, Peace, Hope, Friendship, Compassion, Respect, Courage

Our behaviour policy can be found on the school website at <https://forsbrookprimaryschool.co.uk/policies>

Additional Information:

Trips and Residential

Laches Wood Monday 15th July- Wednesday 17th July 2024.

A highlight of Year 6 has to be the residential to Laches Wood. Children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities such as archery, canoeing, high wires and bush craft. More information will follow closer to the time.

Lichfield Cathedral – children have the opportunity to visit Lichfield Cathedral to take part in an Inspire Day organised by the Diocese. This is always a fabulous experience for the children.

Bikeability


Year 6 children have the opportunity to take part in the Bikeability Level 2 course in November (date to be confirmed). We would encourage all children to take part in this activity. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns.

Y6 Roles and responsibilities

Children have the opportunity to take a number of responsibilities in Year 6: Librarians, Playground Leaders, Prefects, Early Years helpers, Team Captains – children who would like to be considered for Team captains must deliver a speech to their team during a Team meeting.

How you can help

- It is still important to hear your child read each week, even in Year 6. Talk to them about what they are reading and encourage a set time each day to read at home so that it becomes part of their routine
- Check that your child has completed their homework each week and that they bring their book back to school by Wednesday.
- Talk to your child about what they are learning in school.
- We offer SATs revision books to purchase at a reduced price. These have proved very useful in the past to help children to practice Maths, Reading, and Writing objectives.



And Finally... We operate an open door policy. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We want to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child has a great last year in their primary setting and works hard to achieve their potential.

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