

Welcome to Year 6!

Miss Hill, Mrs Fuller and Miss Pritlove would like to welcome you to Year 6.

Year 6 is an extremely important year where we value every individual and work as a team. The children are encouraged to try their best and are given every opportunity to reach their full potential and create some memorable experiences. Working alongside us to support the children are our LSAs: Miss Baker, Mrs Dobson, Mrs Gibson and Mrs Scott.

To find out more about our curriculum, please look at our curriculum overviews, creative curriculum unit of work document and timetable which are published on our school website.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that contact with Year 6 staff should be made via a note in your child's planner. If you wish to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher, please be aware that there will be no morning appointments before the start of school.

Dates for the diary

6FD Henley Fort	-	Monday 21st October
6H Henley Fort	-	Tuesday 22nd October
Junior Citizen	-	Wednesday 20th November
SATS week	-	week commencing 11th May
JCA Residential	-	week commencing 15th June

Homework

Thank you to those of you who have ordered the CGP homework books. As mentioned, these are essential to your child's learning in Year 6 and will form the basis of most homework tasks.

Monday—Maths CGP task due Thursday

Thursday—Grammar CGP task due Monday

Reading—5 x 15 minutes per week

Times tables—5 x 15 minutes per week

1 additional task linked to our Creative Curriculum will be set each half term.

Children are responsible for recording their homework and reading in their school planner. Please can we ask that parents check and sign planners over the weekend.

Boosters and Interventions

Throughout the year, we run a range of interventions according to the children's needs.

These may be to bridge gaps, support learning or to extend children. Last year, almost every child in Year 6 found themselves in an intervention of some sort. These take place either early before school or during the school day.

Please note that only parents of children selected for the 'before school interventions' will be informed by a letter.

SATs and Assessment

At St Ann's Heath, we believe that children learn best when exposed to a broad curriculum. Therefore, we endeavor to keep the Year 6 curriculum balanced and engaging. That said, we aim to prepare the children for their SATs (Standard Attainment Tests) as best we can to ensure each child reaches their full potential.

To help us achieve this, we assess children regularly using a range of methods. As part of this process, the children will be sitting practice SATs papers throughout the year in order to familiarise themselves with the format, questions and overall expectation..

SATs are national tests taken at the end of each key stage and are designed to assess children's progress before their transition to secondary education. The children take these in Maths, Reading, Grammar and Spelling.

It is essential that every child attends school during SATs week (w/c 11th May) so please ensure this date is in your diaries.

A SATs information evening will be held later in the year to provide you with further details.

Equipment

PE kit—brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday (please ensure siblings have their own kit so it is not shared).

Pencil cases (to fit in trays) - a list of equipment has been provided. Please can we ask that this is standard equipment and nothing too distracting.

Water bottles—need to be named and brought in daily, this is in addition to a packed lunch drink.

Coats are needed for break times and children are allowed fresh fruit or veg as a snack. As Year 6 go to lunch second every day, we would encourage that they do bring a snack.

Please see your child's planner for uniform and equipment lists.