

Welcome to Year 6!

We are looking forward to working with all Year 6 children and their families this year. Our aim is to develop the children's understanding and confidence in all subjects, develop resilience and self-esteem and ensure all children are secondary-ready before they leave us.

We would like to outline some of the expectations of Year 6, in order to ensure that all children settle smoothly.

What do I need to bring into school?

- Reading book and reading diary *daily*.
- Named PE kit – please ensure that children have trainers (plain, dark coloured) jogging bottoms and sweatshirt in school, along with their plain, dark coloured shorts and house coloured t-shirts (please speak to the school office for further information). We go outside on even the coldest days so children need appropriate clothing! PE and Games day is on a Monday but it is useful if kit is left in school all week in case of other physical activity.
- Named Water bottles.
- A bag, if needed, which is able to fit in their locker.

School uniform expectations.

- For both the Infant and Junior children, our school colour is bottle green with either black or grey trousers/shorts, skirts/pinafores and flat black shoes. Trainers are not permitted unless there is a medical need/shoe emergency.
- Long hair should be completely tied back and we request that hair-bands and hair accessories should only be black or green.
- Whilst polo shirts are an acceptable part of the junior uniform in the summer, any prefects will still need to wear a white shirt, in order to represent the school in their gold and green tie (loaned by the school).

Homework

What is expected?

Reading at least 4 times a week, discussing the text and vocabulary – record in reading record. Even in Year 6, reading to an adult is still a vital tool to develop fluency and understanding further.

Spellings (lists and games will be found on <https://www.spellingshed.com>). These will be tested on a Friday. Mathematics – some activities will be set but children can also use a revision tool to recap learning from the week.

Children can also use Timestables Rockstars alongside other revision websites which will be provided throughout the year.

When is it set?

Each Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

SATs

All Year 6 children across the country must take SATs test during the w/c 11th May 2020. The timetable is as follows:

Monday – Grammar, punctuation and spelling test

Tuesday – Reading test

Wednesday – Arithmetic test and Maths Reasoning Paper 2

Thursday – Maths Reasoning Paper 3.

We will be working with your children all year to ensure that they are able to approach SATs week with confidence. We will ensure that children receive extra support and assessments where needed. After Christmas, some children will be invited to attend Maths Booster to develop their confidence and we will also provide you with the opportunity to order revision materials through the school at a reduced price.

Secondary school applications

Applications for secondary school **must** be made by 31st October 2019 through www.essex.gov.uk. Any applications received after the deadline will only be considered once the other applications have been placed. We encourage that you use all six choices on the application rather than just the one that you are hoping for. If the school is oversubscribed and you do not receive a place then any secondary school with places can be allocated if there are no other choices expressed on the application form.

What do I do if I have a concern?

You are welcome to come and chat to us after school if ever you have a concern. Please encourage your child to come and talk to us if they have a concern so that we are developing their independence ready for secondary school.