

# Welcome to Year 6

## A guide for parents, carers & children



This booklet has been made by the Year 6 team to provide you with information about who we are, what we will be teaching your child and how you can help them at home. If there is anything that you want to ask or talk to us about then please get in touch and we will be happy to help.



# The Year 6 Team



Mr Pickering



Mrs Miller

## Aims of Year 6



- To enjoy learning a broad and balanced curriculum
- To build on learning from previous year groups
- To ensure all children are confident and fluent readers
- To develop skills as independent learners in preparation for Secondary School

# How you can help your child in Year 6

The most important thing you can do to help your child to learn is to read with them at home regularly.

Try and read as much as possible (try and aim for 20 minutes) and record it in their reading records.

Spellings are given out for the year and are taught discretely in class each week, rather than for a test. You can help your child by familiarising them with the words.

There will be Maths homework set based upon what the children have been learning in school that week. Year 6 children will be invited to a Maths Homework Club each week. This club will take place on Thursdays 3:15 4:15 pm.

Encourage your child to complete their homework on time every week and to access online learning to support them further if they can: Reading Plus and Times Tables Rockstars.

Above all, focus on the positive and your child's own personal progress.



## Times tables

The end of year times tables expectation for Year 6 is for the children to be rapid at recalling all multiplication and division facts up to  $12 \times 12$ .

Children regularly work on their times tables in school but it is important for them to practice at home too.

Which resources could help your child learning their times tables?

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

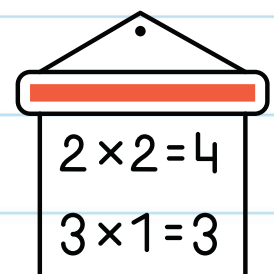
All children have a login for 'TTRS' and their use is monitored by staff. We expect all children to be accessing it regularly.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

This site includes interactive exercises and tests as well as test printouts.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

This site has a range of interactive games for both KS1 and KS2 to help develop the pace of times tables recall.



## Expectations

Year 6 is an important transitional year for children as they prepare to move onto secondary school. As the oldest children in school, we expect Year 6 to act as role models for the younger children. They have the opportunity to become more active members of the school community taking on roles such as School Councilor, Reception Buddies and play leaders. Over the year, children become more independent learners in order to prepare them for the challenges and high expectations of Year 6 and their journey beyond St John Bosco.

### Year 6 pupils are expected to:

Read at home every night for 20 minutes in addition to reading for pleasure (this can be on Reading Plus or a levelled reading book) Record evidence of this in their reading record with a signature from a parent / carer.

Complete weekly homework. This is very important to develop children's responsibility and prepare them for the expectations of Year 7.

## Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96% or above. Good attendance is crucial.

Poor attendance can have a huge impact on future life chances. 96% equates to 7 days off over the course of the year. It is very important that children arrive at school promptly!

# The school day in Year 6



The school doors will be opened at 8:40am and are kept open until 9am. Year 6 pupils are welcome from 8:30am to enjoy an extra Reading Plus session.

Lunch orders are taken and registration takes place at 9am.

When they come in, children have the opportunity to enjoy a breakfast bagel and some quiet time reading.

Morning break takes place at 10:45am - 11:00am.  
Lunch takes place at 12:00pm. to 1:00 pm

Children finish school at 3:20pm and may walk home alone if school has been notified that they have permission to do so by parents/carers. Please contact the school office for a 'walking home letter.'

## Wider school life:

Year 6 children have opportunities to experience trips to Safety Works, Roker Beach, St John Bosco & Sacred Heart Church and a residential trip to Derwent Hill.

## Year 6 learning



### English

Reading to learn runs through every curriculum area in Year 6. We read every day in every lesson.

Children use a Reciprocal Reading approach to analyse texts in depth in literacy and other subjects.

The children also have regular sessions daily on Reading Plus which is a computer programme to improve their reading speed, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

They can also log on to Reading Plus at home.

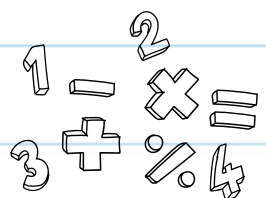
Punctuation and grammar are taught and practised daily.

### Maths

Maths in Year 6 follows a concrete, pictorial, abstract model. Children will have access to a wide range of concrete resources to aid their understanding and explain their thinking.

Children will first focus on developing their fluency in number including place value and the four operations before moving onto problem solving.

For more information about our curriculum, please visit the school website.



# Year 6 Important Information



## PE

Year 6 PE days are:

Monday

Tuesday

Children will come to school dressed in their school PE kit on these days.

## School PE kit includes:

- Royal blue shorts/Royal blue jogging bottoms
- White T-shirt
- Black plimsolls or trainers for outdoors
- School Jumper

Please ensure all earrings are removed and that your child has appropriate clothing for the weather.

