

Key dates for Autumn Term 2023

Monday 16th September- Heald Blue Fundraise
Tuesday 25th September - Y6 Height and weight
Thursday 26th September - Autumn Disco
Friday 27th September- Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 16th October - Individual photo day
Friday 18th October - Break up for October Half Term
Monday 28th October- School's close due to INSET

Tuesday 29th October- Children return to school
Tuesday 5th November/Wednesday 6th November- Parents Evening
Friday 29th November- Christmas Fair
Monday 9th December to Wed 11th December - Robinwood residential y6
Monday 16th - Tuesday 17th December - Freddie fit
Thursday 19th December- Break up for Christmas
Thursday 2nd January - School closed for INSET
Friday 3rd January - School closed for INSET
Monday 6th January - school reopens for all children

Behaviour

We are continuing to use the 'Bee Rules' to help the children make good choices in school. These rules are displayed in the classroom:

1. Be kind
2. Be a good listener
3. Be hardworking
4. Be respectful
5. Be responsible

Recognition boards

We now have recognition boards in all classrooms which children are recognised during lessons for their behaviour, including behaviours for learning. A whiteboard with the focused behaviour that we are looking for is attached to the board; this could be a core value, Bee rule or a behaviour for learning.

Year 6 Autumn Term 2022



6W

Miss Wilson

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Mr Crompton

Teaching Assistant

Mrs Pollit

Learning Support Assistants

Mrs Keeling

Welcome to Year 6 and your child's final year at Etchells!

We hope that you had a wonderful summer break and are excited to get started on the new school year, and your child's last year at Primary School. We know this is a momentous year for our Year 6 children with lots of exciting opportunities and we can not wait for all the adventures along the way.

This term we will begin our enquiry based topic- 'How did war change Britain?'. This is a History based topic where we will focus on the World Wars and the impact of these on Great Britain and our local area. We will visit the local cenotaph and find out about the impact of the World wars. We will also discuss how refugee has been a common theme in Great Britain since before the First World War and how it continues to shape our society.

English

To fuel our children's imagination and creative writing, we will be studying texts in a range of genres and by a variety of significant authors, beginning with looking at *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna. The children will explore real examples of effective narrative techniques and rich vocabulary, whilst being given the opportunity to write for a particular purpose. They will also be immersed into fictional worlds through drama - igniting curiosity, provoking enquiry and demanding critical thinking.

Maths

This year we will be focusing on securing the children's understanding and confidence using formal methods for the four mathematical operations. The children will also be developing their mental arithmetic skills and will have lots of opportunities to deepen their understanding through investigation and problem solving work

Snacks

Children are able to bring a snack to eat at break time. This should be fruit or vegetables only. Yoghurts, cereal bars, Winders etc. are not permitted and the children will have to bring these back home with them. Water bottles for the classroom should contain water—not juice.

PE

Children should continue to come to school in their P.E kits on the days they have P.E.

Both classes will have PE on Monday and Friday.



Home Learning

Reading

Children will participate in reading sessions throughout the week, including comprehension, whole class and independent reading. In addition to this, it is a school expectation that children read to an adult, at home, at least three times a week. Please sign your child's reading diary when you have listened to them. Diaries will be checked on a Friday and any children who have not been able to read 3 times or more will be encouraged to use their break time to catch up on some reading. Raffle tickets will be awarded for children who get their diaries signed each week.

A rich reading diet will raise your child's progress across the entire curriculum- especially in their writing!

Autumn Recommended reads:

Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr

Letters From The Lighthouse by Emma Carroll

Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf



Please follow the link below for further recommended reads for Year 6 children: <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year6>

Homework

In Year 6, your child will receive weekly Maths and English homework. This will be used to consolidate their learning in class. They will also receive a Topic matrix homework sheet. This includes a range of different activities for them to do in their own time at home, with 4 to be completed before the end of term.

Times Tables

Please keep practising these at home with your child. The children's timestable knowledge really supports them in all areas of their maths learning.