Key dates for Spring Term 2024

Monday 6th January - School Opens - Spring Term 1

Wednesday 22nd January—Friday 24th January—Robinwood

Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February - PTA Wear what you love day - £1 donation

Friday 14th February- Midterm Reports out and books go home

Friday 14th February - School closes for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 24th February - Inset day - no children to attend

Tuesday 25th February - School Opens - Spring term 2

Tuesday 4th March and Wednesday 5th March - parents evening

Friday 7th March- World Book Day

Monday 17th March - Bike ability

Friday 21st March- PTA Pizza and quiz Night 5pm-7pm

Friday 11th April - School closes for Easter break at 3.15pm

Monday 28th April - Return to school - Summer term 1.

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

Recognition boards continue to be used in all classrooms. 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 Spring Term 2025



6W Miss Wilson

6C Mr Crompton

Teaching Assistant Mrs Pollit

Learning Support Assistants Mrs Keeling

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a n enjoyable and restful break and are excited to continue with our learning this year.

This term we will begin our enquiry based topic- 'Survival of The Fittest' - a unique, child-led investigation combining science, geography and PSHE. The children will be exploring adaptation, inheritance and evolution, as well as researching a range of inspirational explorers— such as Darwin and Attenborough. The children will also be gaining an insight into the effects of climate change, deforestation and plastic pollution-where they will deepen their understanding of their own social responsibilities and citizenship.

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. 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. Our first text is Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman.

<u>Maths</u>

In Maths, we will be continuing to ready ourselves for the SATs, however this half term there will be more of a focus on the reasoning papers. We will be looking at how to tackle longer questions and we will share our methods on class dojo.

Booster Sessions

We will be running weekly maths and English boosters for ALL children to attend if they wish. These are noncompulsory. A timetable of these sessions in on Dojo.

PΕ

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 Tuesday.

Home Learning

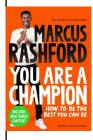
Reading

Children will participle 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.

Our class novel this term is The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell.

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

Spring Recommended reads:



How to be Me by Cath Howe
You are a Champion by Marcus Rashford
Once Upon an Eid Stories of Hope and Joy by
15 Muslim Voices
A Monster Calls—Patrick Ness



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 continue to 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.

We will continue to update you on the learning we are doing in class through our homework. We will provide revision work for over February half term and Easter break for those who would like to complete it.