



Welcome to Year 6

AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT TO EXPECT IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASS THIS YEAR

Our School Values

At **F**riars, individual wellbeing comes first.
We believe in **R**especting
and **I**ncluding everyone.
We **A**im high and show
Resilience in our learning.
Our aim is to **S**ucceed in everything we do!



The Year 6 Team

▶ 6B: Mrs. Bailey

6L: Mr. Leggett

▶ 6B: Mrs. Kipling

6L: Mrs. Hodgson

▶ Other adults in the year group:

Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Eastment, Mrs. Brady, Mr Hill, Mrs
Pinckney

PE staff – sports coach

Our topics this year

- ▶ Autumn 1: The Victorians, Forces.
- ▶ Autumn 2: The Victorians, Electricity
- ▶ Spring 1: Extreme Earth, Light
- ▶ Spring 2: Mayan Mayhem, Evolution & Inheritance
- ▶ Summer 1: Transition, Living things including reproduction in plants and animals and the aging process
- ▶ Summer 2: Transition, Animals including humans.

Reading

- ▶ Always a major school priority
- ▶ Reading flows through all learning and underpins everything
- ▶ Incredibly important in the lead up to SATS – not only are they tested on their reading skills, but it helps to embed their grammar and feeds heavily into their writing.
- ▶ Layered reading 3 x weekly: Kensuke's Kingdom & Holes
- ▶ Individual reading – daily and important.
- ▶ Comprehension lessons and skills taught weekly and utilised throughout other sessions where appropriate.
- ▶ Additional interventions or groups: support leading up to SATs and children who may need extra support will be highlighted and worked with within class.

Writing

- ▶ Writing continues to be a significant focus as it was the area most affected by lockdowns and the effects of the pandemic.
- ▶ Genres covered – a range of fiction and non-fiction.

Recounts/reports (newspaper reports, diary entries, factual stories based on people or events) Instructional writing (recipes, instructions for games, explanation texts etc), Narrative (traditional, tension building, flashbacks etc) Persuasion (letters, brochures, leaflets, bias arguments and balanced arguments) Poetry. Grammar covered – CPG books.

- ▶ Spelling – following national curriculum and Rising Stars. Threaded throughout all lessons and weekly spelling tests on a Monday.
- ▶ Additional interventions or groups – tutoring leading up to SATs and children who may need extra support will be highlighted and worked with within class.

Maths

- ▶ Areas covered: White Rose Scheme and supporting materials
- ▶ Problem solving importance: White Rose, explanations and reasoning, Thinking Tom, NRICH.
- ▶ Times tables importance!!!!!! Weekly tests on a Friday. Very important as it underpins so many areas of maths. 15 minutes dedicated time every day during lessons. Use of TTRockstars as a tracking tool.
- ▶ Maths groups – three groups in Year 6.

Year Six Computing

- ▶ Our Computing lessons are on Friday afternoons taught by Mrs. Pinckney and supported with the class LSA's and technical support from Mr. Browning.
- ▶ This year computing lessons include not only the development of a particular skill but will also focus on keeping ourselves safe when using the internet and online apps with weekly starters, discussions or strategies being shared.
- ▶ Look at the newsletter weekly for top tips which have been discussed in lessons and links to useful websites for information.
- ▶ **Autumn 1-** Focus on computing systems and networks - with a focus on communicating effectively using technology. This will also include a large focus on internet safety and online communications.
- ▶ **Autumn 2-** 3d Modelling - Children will use a program on the computer to create and manipulate 3d digital objects before designing and making their own designs.
- ▶ **Spring 1-** Programming - Focusing on 'variables' and how to create timers in a given example before planning and creating their own projects.
- ▶ **Spring 2-** Web page creation - Review existing websites before planning and designing their own website.
- ▶ **Summer 1-** Data and Information - Spreadsheets. Identifying questions which can be answered using data. Using formulas to produce calculated data.
- ▶ **Summer 2-** Programming- Using a microbit to create a program developing the use of inputs and outputs.

Each week a class will be awarded "Computer Class of the Week!" and receive a trophy to display in their classroom for the week.

RSE

- ▶ In the summer term we do our RSE unit of work. We revisit Year 5 before moving on to new learning.
- ▶ Before we teach the unit, we send a letter explaining the key learning points. We also invite you to a meeting so that you can see the materials we use. If you attended the Year 5/6 RSE meeting in June, you will have seen these already as nothing has changed.
- ▶ For some of the teaching we split into two groups with boys and girls separated. Male staff deliver the boys' session and female staff the girls' session.
- ▶ It is important to note, that all the children learn about changes to both boys and girls. For the girls, we give more information regarding periods.

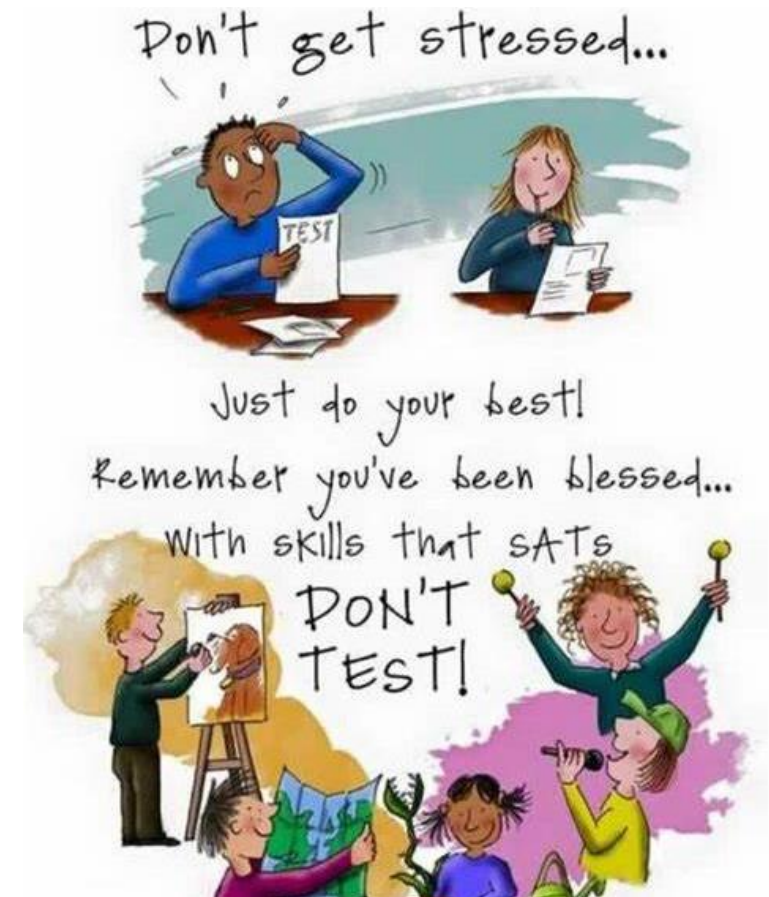
Homework

- ▶ Homework books – 1 CPG grammar book, 1 maths book. Spellings are separate. Expected to practise.
- ▶ What to expect – maths/ times tables/spellings/reading/grammar.
- ▶ When given out: Fridays maths and English homework. Spellings given on a Tuesday and tested the following Monday.
- ▶ When collected in: English and math on Thursdays.
- ▶ How parents can support at home – support, highlight any areas found difficult during independent working at home, reading.
- ▶ Other apps/websites etc that can be used: Hit the Button for times tables, Times Tables Rockstars (engaging for children). Topmarks maths.

SATs...

- ▶ Structure:
- ▶ Reading
- ▶ Maths – 3 papers, 1 arithmetic and 2 reasoning papers
- ▶ Grammar & spelling

- ▶ Writing assessments separate.
- ▶ Week 13th May – 16th May 2024
- ▶ DfE is even more strict about non-attendance during the KS2 SATs Week. Please make sure that your child is in school.



Educational Visits and Visitors



- ▶ Isle of Wight/Southend week: Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May.
- ▶ To enrich children's experiences & equip students with many interpersonal and behavioural skills.
- ▶ The letter about the Isle of Wight was sent last week. Please sign up through the link to the form, with deposits due by the end of October.
- ▶ Any other visits or visitors planned this year:
 - Religious leader visitors where children can learn about other faiths.
 - Fieldwork & environmental community work: Dates TBC.
 - We often have enriching visitors that come to visit the school to add to the children's learning.

Assemblies

- ▶ Take place everyday except Thursday
- ▶ Senior Leadership assembly on Monday
- ▶ Moral stories throughout the week
- ▶ Singing assembly on Wednesdays
- ▶ Celebration assembly every Friday – check the website for photos and report
- ▶ May be themed around particular world religious festivals or special days such as World Book Day

Uniform and Equipment

- ▶ Black or grey trousers or shorts
- ▶ Summer dress, pinafore or black or grey school skirt
- ▶ White or purple short-sleeved polo shirt
- ▶ Purple cardigan, jumper or gilet
- ▶ Black or white socks or black tights
- ▶ Smart, plain black footwear with no logos
- ▶ Clean, Brushed hair – tied back longer hair
- ▶ No bracelets, necklaces or rings worn
- ▶ Book bag
- ▶ Water bottle
- ▶ Hat



All property must be clearly labelled

PE

- ▶ Our PE day is Friday (kit is to be worn to school, trainers ideal) The correct PE kit includes; black shorts, purple/white round-necked t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers
- ▶ Tracksuits may be worn during colder months
- ▶ Following Local Authority health and safety advice - No earrings are allowed to be worn and we are no longer allowed to tape.



Outdoor Learning

- ▶ Afternoons of one week every term
- ▶ Our planned sessions are: TBC
- ▶ Working with Mr. Brady
- ▶ Children can wear old clothes to school for this week
- ▶ Happens whatever the weather, so please ensure children have a waterproof jacket



Welcoming you into school

- ▶ Leavers Assembly at the end of year.
- ▶ Autumn 2: Learning Conversation Evenings – 15th and 16th November
- ▶ Spring 2: Learning Conversation Evenings - Wednesday 20th March/Thursday 21st March
- ▶ Summer 1: Open Evening (Date TBC)
- ▶ Plus our usual events such as Winter Wonderland – Sports Days – Family Picnic throughout the year

Keeping in touch

- ▶ Most information can be found on our weekly newsletter as we are mindful about sending out too many letters and emails.
- ▶ Specific events may also have a more detailed letter
- ▶ All letters and messages sent via ParentPay – very important to have access.
- ▶ School website also contains lots of essential information
- ▶ You can get in touch directly with us at:
year6@fps.porticoacademytrust.co.uk (this is checked every day but please bear in mind we are teaching)

Questions

