



WELCOME TO YEAR 6

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND PUPILS IN Y6

The Y6 team are:

Mr Tolman – Y6 leader

Mrs Hollis/ Mrs Hales – 6D

Miss Ogden – 6P

Mrs Davis – 6S

Mrs Sukkersudha, Mrs Doyle, Mrs Unitt, Miss Brown, Mrs Schneider, Mrs Mason, Mrs Kirk, Mrs Harden - TLSAs

ENGLISH

We are continuing to follow the curriculum that was introduced five years ago. The children are in 4 sets for English and we will be running intervention groups where appropriate.

Homework

English homework is given out on a Monday, and due back on Thursday. Children are welcome to hand it in before Thursday. The children are given weekly spellings to learn for a test on Friday. There is also the Year 3-6 spelling word lists that we will regularly revisit which includes words that are a statutory requirement for pupils to spell correctly on the end of year test. As well as spellings, children will be given a reading comprehension or punctuation and grammar activity. Homework should take no longer than 30 minutes. If it does take longer, then please let us know. If homework is not being completed at home, homework club will become compulsory.

Reading

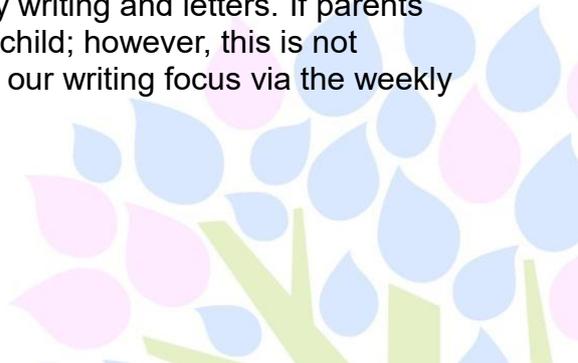
In school your child will participate in daily Guided Reading. Parent readers – please inform Mr Tolman if you are available to help weekly with group reading.

There is an expectation at Dorridge that pupils are to read to an adult every night for between 10-20 minutes. If pupils read every night within the week, they will be rewarded. However, if a pupil does not have their diary signed a minimum of three nights per week, a reading club will be organised which they will be expected to attend during break time. When your child has read, please record and sign the Home School Organiser. We do welcome any comments from you or your child about the reading book. Your child's English teacher will check organisers retrospectively at the start of each week to ensure the necessary reading has been completed for the previous week.

We will not be using a reading passport system in Year 6. We will be using the reading challenge included in the children's home school organiser to monitor the books they have read. This non-prescriptive strategy allows children to read a wide variety of books which we can be sure they are interested in. There is a minimum requirement of one book per week recorded for this challenge. If your child completes a half termly reading challenge, they will be rewarded.

Writing

In order to meet our Year 6 writing objectives, we will be covering whole texts this year as opposed to studying extracts. Our first narrative we will be studying is: 'Friend or Foe'. Writing activities arising from the novel will include diary entries, story writing and letters. If parents would like to purchase this book, it may be beneficial to your child; however, this is not compulsory. We will regularly communicate when we change our writing focus via the weekly news.



MATHS

Previously in Year 4, your child will have been taught Maths using a scheme of work from 'Collins' called 'Busy Ants'. The scheme is structured by covering a topic through several short lessons with an assessment on the fifth and last day of each unit. Topics would then be revisited each term for another short period of time.

Last year as a school, it was decided that Maths would be taught using the 'White Rose' approach moving away from a spiral curriculum. Topics are now covered in far longer individual block units. Research ensures us this is a progressive step that will help cement your child's understanding before swiftly moving from topic to topic.

As in English, the children are in 4 sets and we will be running intervention groups where appropriate.

Homework

As in previous years, Mathematics is set on Tuesday and will be due by the Friday. Homework will be related to what the children have been learning. If your child has not understood the homework, please write a note in their homework book so that we can go over any misconceptions at school. Once more, if homework is not being completed at home, homework club will become compulsory.

The main thing we ask of you as parents is overlearning of number crunching. Repetition is the key. It is undisputable that in the earlier years of a child's education, investments made at home help give firm building blocks for approaching new topics in school.

OTHER SUBJECTS

Science topics studied will be: Environmental Studies, Light, Classification, Evolution and Inheritance, Electricity, and the Heart and Lungs.

IPC themes are: Brainwaves, AD 900, Out of Africa, Fit for Life and What a Wonderful World. These encompass history, geography, art, D&T and music.

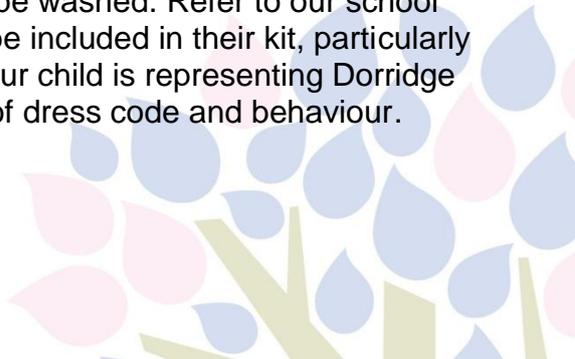
PE, ICT, MFL, Music and PSHE may not be taught by your child's form teacher as we aim to use our expertise in these areas.

TRIPS AND EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Throughout the year, there will be several trips and visits to enrich the children's learning. Please check newsletters, letters etc. for up to date information about these. For our first trip, we will be visiting Coventry Cathedral on Wednesday 16th October.

UNIFORMS

Please ensure children attend school in the correct uniform at all times. We encourage children to be smart and take pride in their appearance both inside and outside the school building. Please ensure all items are named to avoid lost property located by the library. Long hair should be tied back at all times. PE kits can be left in school for the duration of each week; however, on Fridays pupils will be encouraged to take home kits home to be washed. Refer to our school website for required PE kit list. A spare pair of socks should be included in their kit, particularly for girls wearing tights. Also earrings should be covered. If your child is representing Dorridge Primary at a sporting event, we expect the highest standard of dress code and behaviour.



HOME SCHOOL ORGANISER

Please remind your child to bring it home each night and back to school the following day. Please use the organiser as a means of communication with your class teacher. There are also various useful resources for your child included in the organiser e.g. Alan Peat Sentence Types, Year 3-6 Word Lists etc. One addition this year is the coloured card at the back. Your child can let the teacher know they may be finding subject matter tricky simply by using these coloured pages: green (I am comfortable with this learning objective), orange (I find what we are doing fairly challenging) and red (This objective is too difficult for me). Children will be encouraged to leave the organiser open on these pages during lessons to help the teacher guide your child's learning.

SANCTIONS AND REWARDS

We have a 'Time out' zone in each class for children to reflect on poor behaviour. Any time out in lessons will be made up during breaks. The children are rewarded with house tokens for their work and Dojos for participation, Dorridge decorum etc. There will be weekly Dojo competitions with rewards in English, Maths and Form classes. Each week, a member of the class is awarded an Endeavour certificate at a celebration assembly on Monday. Results of the house-point competition and any other achievements are also shared. If your child has received any other certificates or medals, please send them in on Monday for this assembly.

We look forward to a great year!

Year 6 Team

