



WELCOME TO YEAR 6

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A Fresh Start

We are sure, like us, that the last six months have been very strange for you and your children, and would have faced many different situations and challenges. However, we are delighted to have been able to welcome all the children back to school to start their exciting year 6 journey with us. We have been really impressed with the way all the children have returned so far and have adapted to the different rules and routines of the day. Well done to all!



Our Goal

SATs is always the elephant in the room in Year 6. Obviously this is a huge year for your child/ren and we will be working extremely hard to ensure they are prepared for these assessments. However, it is important to emphasise to you that this is not what the whole year is about. Our main priority at the moment is to get your children settled back into school life and help them feel happy and safe. Beyond that, our main goal is to ensure that your child/ren develop their independence, confidence and learning behaviours, so that they are ready to take that next big step into their respective secondary schools.



SATs

The 2020 Key Stage 2 SATs will be held during the week beginning Monday 10th May 2021. This may well change and we will inform you if this is the case. We hope to hold a meeting next year to discuss this in further detail and answer any questions you have.

NB: As tempting as it is to help your children by using past papers for them to practise with, please could we ask you to refrain from doing so. This is as we use past papers to help track and inform your child's ongoing progress and attainment. There are plenty of other useful SATs style questions, Internet resources and books available. Thank you.



SATs 2021

- Externally marked tests will take place for:
 - Mathematics
 - Reading
 - Grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Children will take the same tests which include a number of challenging questions to stretch the most able
- For each subject the marks will be added to give a raw score (total score)
- Marks are converted to a scaled score, 100 being the national standard
- The lowest scaled score is 80 and the highest is 120
- These scores will be included with your child's final report in July



SATs 2021: Maths

The mathematics test consists of :

- An arithmetic paper lasting 30 minutes. This is purely a number based paper
- Two maths reasoning papers each lasting 40 minutes. These papers include word problems and therefore involve much more reading



SATs 2021: Reading

- Greater focus on fictional texts
- The booklet contains three or four texts
- The texts are challenging and children will need to increase their reading stamina over the year
- Children will have a total of one hour to read the texts and complete the questions at their own pace
- The reading answer booklet will comprise of approximately 35 to 40 questions (out of 50 marks)



SATs 2021: Reading

The questions are:

- Shorter, closed response items (such as multiple choice, sequencing and matching questions);
- Shorter, open response items;
- Longer, open response items that require children to explain and comment on the texts in order to demonstrate a full understanding
- Questions are worth 1, 2 or 3 marks



SATs 2021: SPaG

- The English spelling, punctuation and grammar test has two components, worth a total of 70 marks:
 - 1) a booklet of short-answer, challenging, questions
 - 2) a spelling test – very important! The spellings relate to patterns taught across KS2 (years 3-6)



SATs 2021: SPaG

Paper 1

- Short-answer questions, consisting of between 40 and 50 questions assessing grammar, punctuation and vocabulary
- Each question is worth one or two marks with a total for the paper of 50 marks
- Questions are selected response items (such as multiple choice questions) or
- short, open response items, in which children may have to write a word, a few words or a sentence – correctly spelt and punctuated!



SATs 2020: SPaG

Paper 2

- The spelling task
- Consists of 20 sentences
- Each read aloud by class teacher
- Each sentence has a word missing which children must complete
- The task is worth a total of 20 marks



Writing

- No test - hooray!
- Writing judgement made by teacher assessment of children's everyday writing across Year 6 (can include writing in other subjects)
- Children have to meet certain criteria in order to gain the expected standard
- Expected writing standards can not be met without consistently accurate use of basic punctuation, especially capital letters and full-stops.



Science

- Currently, no official SATs paper
- However, all children will sit a science paper compiled by their Year 6 teachers
- Judgement will be based upon this test and children's class work and other assessment throughout the year



Support in SATs

- In the reading test, children must read the text and questions by themselves, but **MAY** have help recording their answers, if this is done in a normal classroom situation
- In maths and grammar tests, teachers can read questions to any child who asks
- Teachers can provide encouragement, but can not guide or say that an answer is correct or not



Support in SATs

- Some children may be given:
 - up to 25% extra time on test papers
 - a 1-1 reader, or
 - a scribe
- This is if they have an identified learning need
- Support has to be applied for in advance
- We will liaise with parents if support is required



Residential Trip

We are hopeful that by next summer, we will be able to take the year group on their big, five-day adventure.

Sadly, Hayling Island have decided to stop providing residential courses due to business restructuring. We have however, booked an exciting new venue, run by the same operating group, JCA.

Here is a website for starters, but we will have further information to follow:

<https://www.jca-adventure.co.uk/activity-centres/croft-farm/>



Roles and Responsibilities

Some of our current jobs and responsibilities around the school have been put on hold, but normally these are:

- House and Vice Captains
- Weekly Jobs (door, office, assembly, fruit, register and axolotl duties)
- Supporting their Year 3 buddies
- Helping at: school book fair, fun run, sports day and swimming gala
- Being role models for the whole school



Visits and Visitors

Some of our usual visits and visitors are subject to change due to the current situation. Hopefully, we can add more later in the year.

- River Trip - (September 22nd & 23rd)
- Author Visits (via Zoom)
- Bikeability (w/c 9th November)
- Prayer Journey
- Croft Farm Residential (7th July)
- First Aid Training



Homework

What for?

- Consolidate learning
- Grow in independence and responsibility
- Prepare for their transfer to secondary school

When?

- Usually given out Friday and due in by Wednesday

Doing...?

- Alternating between Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars one week, and maths/writing tasks the next
- Reading for pleasure



End of Year 6 events...

Some of our other traditional Year 6 events include:

- Leaver's Production
- Enterprise Day
- End of Year disco/prom
- Leadership morning at The Piggott
- Graduation Assembly

We hope we can do as many as these as possible as and when guidance allows.



Year 7 Transition

- Summer term visits by staff from designated Secondary schools
- Induction talks/booklet
- Extra visits arranged for children who need more support with the transition
- Changeover Day(s)



Online Safety

- Children are encouraged to ‘Be Internet Legends’
- Try to supervise children when using devices
- Set limits on screen time
- Ensure apps/games etc are age-appropriate
- Encourage open discussions around online use
- Keep devices out of bedrooms at night
- Know and understand what your children are doing online
- Please talk to us if you have any concerns

Here’s a video to help:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLoe0xUh7vY>



Ultimately...

In partnership with you, we want all Year 6 children to continue:

- to learn
- to be happy
- to be safe
- to be the best they can be
- to be ready for Secondary School

We look forward to talking (Zooming) with you at parents' evening. Thank you for your ongoing help and support.