

Meet the Teacher: Year 6 Information

Curriculum

In Year 6, we are going to be using White Rose Maths in our mathematics lessons and this work will be further consolidated and enhanced with mathematical thinking questions. In English, we will be using a range of media and texts to generate different writing tasks. For our other curriculum areas, we will be following a subject specific curriculum and you can find out more details about this by looking at the Yearly and Autumn overviews in your pack. Throughout the year, we will be working towards securing essential skills so that your child is ready for secondary school.

Reading

Your child will receive a school reading book each Friday, and this should be returned to school for the following Tuesday. We would also like your child to read at home on a regular basis, 10-15 minutes each night would be ideal. With the book that comes home, your child will also have their reading journal so that they can record what they have read at home. You may wish to fill this in too. This should be returned to school with their reading book on a Wednesday. They will also have a bookmark, which helps to identify the types of questions you may wish to ask them at home. As well as this, your child will have a class reading book. To further support reading at home and in school, your child can also access Reading Plus and Fiction Express. Each of these have a range of reading books for your child to read. Their passwords will be in the front of their homework books.

If you are looking for any other texts to encourage your child to read, the children's newspaper 'First News' or the magazine 'The Week Junior' are excellent ways to introduce children to reading a wider genre of reading materials.

Homework

This term, homework will be given out on a Friday and handed in the following Tuesday (reading books are due in on Wednesdays). There will be a range of activities that they will be asked to complete. We will go over the homework as a class during the following week. Please also encourage your child to access TTRockstars, EdShed (spellings), Reading Plus and Fiction Express (the passwords for these will also be in the front of their homework books).



P.E

P.E lessons will be on a **Thursday and a Friday** for this term. If your child is unable to do P.E, please either send a note into class or the school office or email/phone the school office.

We are also taking part in Finchale Fitness, so could your child please bring a pair of trainers into school each day.

Medicines

If your child requires any medication, please ensure that it has a pharmacist's label on the bottle/packet. It will need to be handed into the school office where you will be required to complete a form. This form is also available on our school website by clicking on 'Parents' and 'Medication Request Form'. www.finchale.durham.sch.uk/medication-request-form

Water Bottles

Could you please send your child into school with a full and labelled water bottle each day.

SATs

These are due to take place the week beginning Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2024.. Your child will complete the following papers:

- Reading Comprehension (1 hour)
- Maths Arithmetic assessment (30 minutes)
- Reasoning and Problem Solving x2 (each 40 minutes long)
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (45 minutes)
- Spellings (20 questions)

Writing is teacher assessed within school across several pieces of work. Schools are often moderated by the local authority and we participate in moderation exercises within the authority.

We have made an amazing start to Year 6 and I am sure that we will have a fabulous year.

Thank you.

Mrs. Sleeman

Deputy Head Teacher & Class Teacher.