

# Y6 Spring Newsletter

## Welcome

A belated Happy New Year Y6, parents and carers. We hope you all had a lovely, restful holiday and enjoyed spending time with loved ones.

What a wonderful first term we had. The children came into Y6 with a fantastic attitude to learning and are already showing excellent progress, which is reflected in their wonderful mock SATs scores.

As a Y6 team, we want to thank you all for your continued support.

Miss Pratt, Mr Wassell, Mrs Bayles and Mrs Conroy

## Y6 Key Staff

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching assistants
Y6P	Miss Pratt	Mrs Booth
Y6W	Mr Wassell	Ms Stephenson Mrs Booth
Y6BC	Mrs Bayles (Mon-Thur) Mrs Conroy (Friday)	Ms Stephenson Miss Jabbar

Staff are always available on the yard just before the school day begins or just after school when we dismiss the children for quick messages. To discuss any worries or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo or get in touch with us at [teachers@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:teachers@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk) to arrange a meeting.

## Spring Curriculum

Below is an outline of the topics Year 6 will be covering over the term. For further details, please visit our website under the 'our learning' section. **The 'Key learning' documents are great for a snapshot of the most important facts and understanding.**

### Spring 1

English	Writing based on The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
<b>Whole Class Reading</b>	Goodnight Mr Tom
<b>Maths</b>	Algebra
<b>Science</b>	light
<b>Geography</b>	Biomes
<b>Art</b>	Painting- Georgia O'Keeffe
<b>DT</b>	Food technology
<b>Computing</b>	Programming A
<b>Personal Development</b>	Citizenship
<b>Online safety</b>	Privacy and security
<b>Music</b>	Modern (20th Century) music
<b>RE</b>	For Christians, what kind of king is Jesus?
<b>PE - Games</b>	Tennis
<b>PE - gymnastics or dance</b>	Dance

### Spring 2

English	Writing based on The Guardian advert on the 3 Little Pigs
<b>Whole Class Reading</b>	Goodnight Mr Tom
<b>Maths</b>	Measurement, ratio and proportion
<b>Science</b>	Electricity
<b>History</b>	Local History Study: The Industrial Revolution
<b>DT</b>	Electrical Systems- Games
<b>Computing</b>	Understanding and sharing data
<b>Personal Development</b>	citizenship
<b>Online safety</b>	Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle
<b>Music</b>	Creative composing
<b>RE</b>	Spring 1 continued
<b>PE - Games</b>	Tennis continued
<b>PE - gymnastics or dance</b>	Dance continued

**Assessments this term:** Our next testing week is the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> March . This one will be a mock-SATs week.

## **Y6 Key dates (please also see our calendar on the website)**

Date	Event
5.1.26	School reopens
6.2.26	Y6 Charity Day
10.2.26	Young Voices
13.2.26	Break up and dress down day
23.2.26	Return to school
5.3.26	World Book Day
16.3.26	Mock SATS week
24/25.3.26	Parents evening
27.3.26	Break up for Easter Holidays and Dress Down Day

## **Home Learning**

This half term, your child will be provided with three '10 Minute Test' revision books to help them recap their Key Stage 2 learning each week, alongside their regular Home Learning. These focus upon Maths skills, Reading comprehension and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling skills. They take the format of 'Ten Minute Tests', which will allow your child to revisit their learning in small chunks. While home learning is expected of children, the Ten-Minute Tests booklets are a voluntary additional task for children to complete at home. They were initially provided a couple of years ago as a response to parent feedback when families wanted to support children in revising their learning before Key Stage 2 assessments in May. That said, you know your child best and it is important that you decide upon an appropriate level of time / expectation for your child. Please focus upon the expected Home Learning as a priority and only complete the additional revision if you feel your child can manage.

## **PPA**

This year, the teaching team will have their planning, preparation and assessment time on alternative Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

During this time, your child will be taught P.E., Music or R.E from our PPA teachers.

Mr Ross – P.E - games

Mrs Dawson – Music

Miss Cooper– R.E

## **P.E Days**

Class	PE Days
Y6BC	<b>Fridays and alternate Tues/Thurs</b>
Y6P	<b>Wednesdays and alternate Tues/Thurs</b>
Y6W	<b>Fridays and alternate Tues/Thurs</b>

## **Secondary Ready**

As it is their final year, we want to make the children 'Secondary ready' so please help us to do this by putting the emphasis on the children to ensure they have the correct items for their school day (for example, homework and PE kits).

## **Your support and help**

**We love parent / carer helpers and this term, we are asking for some help with specific activities:**

Y6W

Y6P

Y6BC

We are making electrical games in DT and would love some support. We will send a Dojo message out nearer the time.

We will also be asking for volunteers this term to help with SATS in May – please keep an eye out for a letter with all the required information.