

Key dates for Spring Term 2024

Monday 5th January - School Opens - Spring Term 1
Friday 9th January - INSET day (staff only)
Tuesday 20th January - EAL coffee morning
Friday 23rd January - PTA Quiz night
Year 6 - Assessment week W/C Monday 26th January
Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12th February - Valentines Disco
Friday 13th February - School closes for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 23rd February- INSET day (staff only)
Tuesday 24th February - School Opens - Spring term 2
Friday 27th Feb - Midterm Reports out and books go home
Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th March- Parents Evening
Thursday 5th March- World Book Day
Year 6- Monday 9th March- 2 week start of bikeability
Friday 27th March - School closes for Easter break at 3.15pm

Year 6 Spring Term 2026



ETCHELLS
Primary School

6W
Mrs Richards

6C
Mr Crompton

Teaching Assistant
Mrs Keeling

Learning Support Assistants
Miss Dean
Mr Khalid

Behaviour

We are continuing to use the 'Bee Rules' to help the children make good choices in school. These rules are displayed in the classroom:

1. Be kind
2. Be a good listener
3. Be hardworking
4. Be respectful
5. Be responsible

Recognition boards

Recognition boards continue to be used in all classrooms. Children are recognised during lessons for their behaviour, including behaviours for learning. A whiteboard with the focused behaviour that we are looking for is attached to the board; this could be a core value, Bee rule or a behaviour for learning.

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful break and are excited to continue with our learning this year.

This term we will begin our enquiry based topic- 'Survival of The Fittest' - a unique, child-led investigation combining science, geography and PSHE. The children will be exploring adaptation, inheritance and evolution, as well as researching a range of inspirational explorers— such as Darwin and Attenborough. The children will also be gaining an insight into the effects of climate change, deforestation and plastic pollution-where they will deepen their understanding of their own social responsibilities and citizenship.

English

To fuel our children's imagination and creative writing, we will be studying texts in a range of genres and by a variety of significant authors. The children will explore real examples of effective narrative techniques and rich vocabulary, whilst being given the opportunity to write for a particular purpose. They will also be immersed into fictional worlds through drama - igniting curiosity, provoking enquiry and demanding critical thinking. Our first text is Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman.

Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing to ready ourselves for the SATs, however this half term there will be more of a focus on the reasoning papers. We will be looking at how to tackle longer questions and we will share our methods on class dojo.

Booster Sessions

We will be running weekly maths and English boosters for ALL children to attend if they wish. These are non-compulsory. A timetable of these sessions will be shared on Dojo.

PE

Children should continue to come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE.

Both classes will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday.



Home Learning

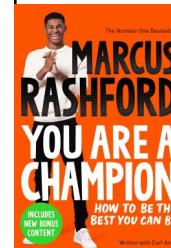
Reading

Children will participate in reading sessions throughout the week, including comprehension, whole class and independent reading. In addition to this, it is a school expectation that children read to an adult, at home, at least three times a week.

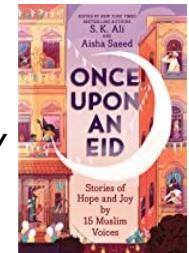
Our class novel this term is Boy by Roald Dahl.

A rich reading diet will raise your child's progress across the entire curriculum- especially in their writing!

Spring Recommended reads:



How to be Me by Cath Howe
You are a Champion by Marcus Rashford
Once Upon an Eid Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices
A Monster Calls—Patrick Ness



Please follow the link below for further recommended reads for Year 6 children: <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year6>

Homework

In Year 6, your child will continue to receive weekly Maths and English homework. This will be used to consolidate their learning in class. They will also receive a Topic matrix homework sheet. This includes a range of different activities for them to do in their own time at home, with 4 to be completed before the end of term.

We will continue to update you on the learning we are doing in class through our homework. We will provide revision work for over February half term and Easter break for those who would like to complete it.