


Welcome to Year 6!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited about this important year during which the children will develop confidence and independence, ready for their transition to secondary school. In addition, they will of course celebrate their time here at Lindfield Primary Academy.

A few dates/events for your diary:

PLEASE NOTE: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND WILL BE CONFIRMED CLOSER TO THE TIME

Term	Topic	Key Events
Autumn	Battle of Britain 	Village Walk – October/November Shelter Building Day – October Tangmere – Elm (October 20 th), Oak (November 3 rd), Ash (November 7 th) Rationing Taster Day – November (Date TBC)
Spring	Magical Mysteries 	Warner Brothers Studio – January 12 th
Summer	Legacy 	Breakfast Club - 4 th -12 th May SATS - 8 th – 11 th May Isle of Wight - 26 th to 30 th June 2023 Production Week - July

Homework

Homework is an important and necessary feature of Year 6. It is not only a useful exercise in independence but also prepares the children for secondary school and reinforces work taking place in the classroom. This applies whatever the ability of the child. Homework will be set on a Friday and due back the following Friday. We will be providing the Collins activity books that weekly homework will be assigned from. It is really important that children keep these books in a safe place and bring them to school **every Friday**. Not only is it for homework but will also be good revision for later in the year. We will provide a book in which children can record their weekly homework.

Reading

It is very important for children in Year 6 to **read every day**. We would like children to use the language and text features they notice whilst reading, in their writing and regular reading will help tremendously with this. Children need to read a wide range of texts on a regular basis so please encourage children to ask their teacher for book recommendations that will be engaging and age appropriate. At different points in the year children will write book reviews and participate in 'book battles' on some of the texts they read. Children also need to record what they read in their reading journals, which will serve as a record of their reading journey this year. They can get creative with how they record their ideas and we will support them with this in class too. Children need to bring their reading journals to school every Friday.

Assessment

In the packs attached to the parent mail are the maths, writing and reading frameworks written by the government for every school to follow as well as some grammar terms. These frameworks are a set of statements that every child will be expected to achieve by the end of the year. The grammar terms are

for your reference. Please do not worry about this. They are simply to show you what we are working towards. Our priority in Year 6 is to provide rich and engaging learning experiences, assessments are not the be all and end all of what we do. By the time children complete the statutory end of key stage assessments, they will be more than ready. There will be another meeting regarding SATs in the spring term when we will explain what happens during the assessment week and we will answer all your questions.

PE

Children need to have their PE kits in school EVERY DAY! We have dedicated PE slots throughout the week but if the opportunity arises, we want to get the children out and active! Boys and girls will be changing separately.

Online Safety

We will regularly be talking to the children about staying safe online. Year 6 is often the time when more children have their own phones and start to explore more on social media and gaming platforms. Please continue to have conversations with your children about what they are doing online and support them in checking their digital footprints and interactions. At this age it is really important for you to know what your child is doing online, on social media and when gaming and it is important to start developing positive online habits.

Consent for films

As part of our 'Battle of Britain' topic we want to show children the film 'Goodnight Mr Tom' which explores the effects of evacuation and provides an opportunity for children to compare the story to the other narratives we will be studying. It is a PG rated film, we therefore require parental permission. If you have any concerns about your child viewing the film, please inform us. In the spring term we will also be showing children the first two Harry Potter films. If you do **not** want your child to watch this with their class, please let us know by sending an email to the office.

Sex and Relationship Education

The academy is required to deliver a programme of sex education by the end of Year 6. This will be taught in the summer term prior to the children moving on to secondary school, through the PSHE curriculum. Please refer to the policies on the academy website and if you have any further queries feel free to discuss with us nearer the time.

Volunteers

We are desperate for parent volunteers to help out with all our various Year 6 tasks. If you are interested, please send an email to office to let us know! We would love to have you!

Please do not hesitate to contact us via the office if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child. This is a fantastic but also hard year - however, we know the children will leave the academy in the summer term with many happy memories. We would like to thank you for your continued support during this important year.

We look forward to a great year,

Mrs Hall, Mr Fox, Miss Martinez, and the rest of the Year 6 team