



Churchwood Primary Academy
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Welcome to Year Six!

Sirens Sound!

Welcome back to school and welcome to Year Six! The children have transitioned beautifully to their new class as they prepare for their final year at Churchwood!

Our learning starts off with a bang this year as we jump into our World War Two topic 'Sirens Sound'. In our history lessons, will be exploring wartime Britain and we will focus on the Battle of Britain and the impact it had through a wide range of research and fun activities. It will span across Term 1 and 2 and all of our learning will centre around this.

The children will be building on their work with various genres of writing. We will be kicking off with our author study, Philip Pullman's *Clockwork*, and moving onto diary writing and non-chronological reports.

The children will be learning the statutory spelling words for KS2. Please ensure your child is practising their weekly spellings to support them with this.

In Maths, Year Six will be building on the key elements of mathematics—particularly place value and the four number operations. There will also be a tight arithmetic focus so any extra support you can give at home, such as making sure they know all their times tables, will make a huge difference!

READING AT HOME

Your child would have been given a yellow reading record which **must come to school everyday**. When you hear your child read, please record into this. Please make sure your child is reading for at least 20 minutes a day, at least 5 days a week!

HOMEWORK

Children are set weekly spelling words to practise which will be tested the following week. They are also set Mathematics tasks to complete each week by Mrs. Bodiam. Please also ensure they are reading at least 5 times a week. Termly homework will be sent out this week.

KEY INFORMATION

- PE is Tuesdays and Wednesdays afternoons. Please ensure they have their kit on when they come into school on those days. Kit is black shorts/joggers, white t-shirt and trainers.
- Secondary school deadlines are approaching. Leaflets have been sent home with the relevant information.

SATS WEEK

SATs week will be Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May 2022. It is compulsory the children sit these tests so please put this date in your diary!

SAGE



See

What can you see?
Words you know and things in the picture to help.



Already know

What do you already know about this?



Guess

What can you guess about it?



Explain

Think about this information and explain what is happening.



After



each



page



think...



Who is in the story?



When is it happening?



Where is it happening?



What is happening?
What is the problem or solution?

Reading

Children should be reading daily for at least **20 minutes** with an adult. This can be the school book or another book of their choice, so long as they're reading!

To the left is the SAGE approach that we use in school to help the children develop their comprehension skills. This approach is used across the school so you can continue to use this as your children grow older!

When you are reading with your children, this is an effective structure to follow to help their understanding and enjoyment.

We have dedicated reading lessons 5 days a week focusing on children reading independently, in pairs and in adult focused groups.

The children will develop their comprehension skills through the 7 reading strategies;

- Prediction
- Clarifying
- Questioning
- Making Links
- Summarising
- Evaluating
- Inference

All question types and discussions focus on the SATs expectations and language in order to prepare them for this in a meaningful way. It is making a fantastic impact already and if you have any questions about this, please ask away!

