

A Y6 Guide for Parents and Carers



We hope that this leaflet will provide you with some useful information about Year 6 over the coming year. We value and appreciate parental support and interest in the curriculum and we are sure that your child does too. The aim of this leaflet is to increase the information that we provide in this area.

Ms Svoboda and Mrs Crookes will be teaching in Year 6 and will be supported by Mrs Rehman, Mrs Ives-Owen, Mrs Iosson, Ms Heap and Mr Cooper.

In year Y6, we work closely together as a whole year group. This allows us to tailor the curriculum to closely meet the needs of your child. Therefore, your child may not be taught by their class teacher in maths.

Topic Work

As part of our ongoing improvements to the school curriculum, we are making some exciting changes to our humanities and arts subjects. Children will work on a project each term with a lead subject. Autumn: History, Spring: Geography and Technology Summer: Music, Art and design. Alongside the lead subject, there will be enhancement lessons e.g. art and music that compliment and adds to the topic in the lead subject. As we are making quite substantial changes to the way we are teaching these subjects, we are unable to provide a yearly overview at this time. However, the details of the Autumn term project and science topics can be found below:

Project title: Democracy or dictatorship

Time periods covered: Ancient Greece and the Vikings

Science topics: Evolution and Inheritance

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who has expertise in any of these areas and who feels that they may be able to help.

Proposed visits and events for 2019/2020

The costs are only a guide and are based on previous years' prices. In order to spread the cost of the visits and expenses, it will be possible for parents to pay in instalments. This can be arranged by contacting the school office.

(Price Approx)

Autumn

Jorvik Centre (York) – Viking workshop and museum visit	£15.00
Young Shakespeare Macbeth Workshop and performance	£10.00

Spring

Yorkshire Sculpture Park – link to art topic	£15.00
Crucial Crew	£6
Singing festival at Sheffield University	£5

Summer

The Deep – linked to geography topic of Coast	£14.00
Graves Park – Post SATs celebration	single bus fare
Residential (two night stay)	£150

Homework

The Department for Education guidelines, and Bradway Primary School Homework Policy, recommend that pupils in Year 6 receive around 2½ hours of homework per week. We also believe that Year 6 is a time to start preparing children for the transition to secondary school and that this means becoming organised and coping with a greater amount of homework.

Maths In Year 6, children will be given a weekly maths based homework task on Friday to complete in preparation for the SATs tests in the Summer term. **This will be due the following Friday.** As times tables are such a vital tool to help unlock subjects such as fractions, we would also like every child to learn their timestables and these will be tested every week.

English Discrete English homework, primarily based around our SPaG work, will be given to support the learning done in class. This will be set on a Friday and **will be due in the following Friday.**

Spellings: Children will be given 20 spellings each week. They will be given on a Friday. They will have almost a week to work on the words and spelling rules, and will be tested the following **Thursday.**

Reading: Children in Year 6 are expected to be reading independently on a regular basis and a minimum of three times a week, noting any words they are unsure of in their vocabulary book alongside a definition. Reading with an adult is also vitally important as discussion of the texts will not only help develop children's reading comprehension skills, but provide them with ideas for their own writing. If your child is a reluctant reader, you could try reading to them, reading magazines/online articles and discussing them with your child.

The children will be using the online 'Accelerated Reader' program within school this year and this will be used to check that reading is happening at home on a regular basis.

- If children are struggling to find the time at home to complete any of the tasks, they are welcome to attend Homework Club on Monday lunch with Mr Stones.
- If your child is struggling with their homework, feel free to support them yourself and just include a note about support given. Alternatively, encourage them to come and talk to one of the adults in Year 6 who will be able to help – the earlier in the week, the better!

P.E and Games

For indoor PE, children should wear a white T-shirt and black shorts. For gymnastics and dance, footwear is not required, however we recommend plimsolls for indoor games activities. Long hair should be tied back. **Earrings must not be worn in school at any time - in line with the school uniform policy.** Outdoor games take place on either the playground or the field so a change of footwear, such as trainers, is essential. These must be separate to school shoes. Also, a sweatshirt (without a hood) and jogging trousers are necessary during cold weather. All these items should be clearly named and in your child's PE bag. **Children should not be wearing their school uniform jumper, polo or trousers for PE.**

If your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson, a note from home is required.

Should children forget their PE kit on two occasions in short succession, a standard letter will be sent home to inform parents of this, and to remind them of the days when PE is timetabled.

Y6 have PE on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

At the beginning of the school day

Pupils should wait on the playground before the bell goes at 8.45am. As soon as the bell rings, children should make their way into the classroom, hang their belongings on their peg and start the morning task which will be displayed on the board.

Lost Property

Each year, we seem to have an increasing amount of lost property. Everyone can help by **labelling all children's clothes and possessions** so that they can be returned to them. Most will now be kept in your child's classroom.

Photo permission

Unless we hear otherwise, we will assume you are happy for your child's photograph to appear on our website (including our school Twitter accounts), and occasionally in print media such as the Sheffield Star. We use photos to document and celebrate our curriculum so parents can access all of the exciting activities that we offer. *If you are unhappy for your child's photograph to appear on our website (including Twitter) or print media, please email enquiries@bradway.sheffield.sch.uk*

Parent/Teacher meetings

There are two parent/teacher progress meetings during the year, the first in the autumn term and the second in the spring term. Further information will follow nearer the time.

An informal welcome meeting will be held on **Monday 16th September at 3:20pm**. This will be an opportunity for us to introduce ourselves to you and to offer further information about life in Y6. We hope to see you all there!

A written annual report on your child's progress will be sent to you in July.

Many thanks in advance for your support and we hope your child has a fantastic final year with us at Bradway.

The Y6 team

Supporting in school

We are always grateful to receive help in school so if you feel able to assist, please tick the areas and return the slip below to your child's class teacher.

Name of pupil		Class	
Reading with individual pupils		Art & Crafts	
Visits & Trips		Library	
Baking		Other	

Days & Times Available

SIGNED

Print name

Telephone Number
