

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.

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

In year Y6, we work closely together as a whole year group and as such, we are working within a year group bubble. This will allow us to tailor the curriculum to closely meet the needs of your child. Therefore, your child may be taught by members of the team other than their class teacher and teaching assistant.

Topic Work

The school curriculum changed slightly last year in order to ensure children are covering all the skills they need. There will be a main focus in each term and because we weren't able to cover our art/Design & Technology topic, we will be starting with that this term.

When	Topic	Main Curriculum Area
Autumn	Art	Drawing skills: Ben Heine
	Design and Technology	Design a fairground ride
	Science	Evolution and Inheritance
		Light
Spring	History	Ancient Greeks and Vikings
	Science	Living Things and their Habitats
Summer	Geography	Coasts
	Science	Living things including humans

Proposed visits and events for 2020/2021

Under current guidelines, we unfortunately unable to organise any educational trips. As the COVID-19 situation evolves, we will organise events and visits to enhance the curriculum when and where we can.

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 small 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.**

In addition to this, we would like children to spend a minimum of 10 minutes on Times table Rockstars 3 times per week. This is because times tables are such a vital tool to help unlock subjects such as fractions, and we have identified times table knowledge as a gap for some children.

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 up to 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 **Friday**. These spellings will also be set on Spelling Shed, which children are able to use as a resource to practise their spellings on.

Reading: Children in Year 6 are expected to be reading independently on a regular basis and a minimum of three times a week. 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.
- Mrs Crookes and Miss Tucker also offer a Homework Club on Thursday lunchtimes which children are welcome to attend.
- 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

If your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson, please let us know.

In Year 6, PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. In line with the new school procedure – please send your child in their P.E. kit on the day of their lesson. This must be weather appropriate for **outdoors**. A light jacket or coat would also be preferable as we will be doing outdoor P.E. in all weathers. Appropriate sports shoes must also be worn. Long hair should be tied back. **Earrings must be removed for PE lessons.**

Communication

In Year 6, we use Twitter as a way of sharing the learning. You can follow us at Y6Bradway if you use Twitter or use the following website: <https://twitter.com/Y6Bradway>
We will also be using Seesaw as a way of communicating.

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*

Class Facebook Groups / WhatsApp groups:

At the beginning of a new school year new group pages on WhatsApp and Facebook are often created. As a school we recognise and appreciate the benefits that these types of group pages can have. They are set up with the very best of intentions and are an excellent way to engage and communicate with other parents.

Please help us to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children, staff, parents and wider school community by being mindful of the following when participating in these groups:

- If you are posting on social media and it relates to the school, students or other parents, please check your facts, be considerate in the way in which you express things and avoid language that others might consider to be abusive, aggressive or threatening. In short, don't write anything you wouldn't be prepared for all to see
- Please **do not** refer to individual students, parents or staff on social media.
- Please do not post pictures or videos of other children or adults without seeking their permission to do so.
- If you have a significant concern about an aspect of school life, please talk to someone in school before posting on social media.
- If you have a specific complaint, please follow the school's Complaints Policy which is available on our school website.

It is not our intention to stifle debate or discourage parents expressing their views, but we do want to encourage and promote positive role models in both the digital world as well as the real world. We welcome any type of feedback and dialogue with our parents so that we can continue to improve and so that we can work together for our pupils.

Many thanks for your continued support

The Senior Leadership 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
