

Welcome to Year 6!

**Our theme this term is
Battle of Britain.**

English

We will use exciting hooks to stimulate and engage our children into using their imagination to write their own short stories. We will be looking at Michael Morpurgo's amazing story 'Friend or Foe' and using it as an inspiration for our own writing. We will design our own news reports about London during the Blitz and look at the experiences of evacuee children during World War Two.

Science

During our work on the blackout, we will explore the topic of light, how it travels and how we see things.

Electricity - can you make the circuit work? We will be putting our problem solving skills to the test, by working out how to fix broken circuits.

Art

Follow in the footsteps of L. S. Lowry and have a go at creating your own piece in his style. Explore the famous pieces of art he created and become the next amazing artist.

Amaze your family and friends by using pastels and silhouettes to create a dramatic setting of the London Blitz.

History and Geography

We will be taking a step back in time and giving the children first hand experience of building Anderson shelters and evacuation. We will take a look at the Blitz, rationing, and the changing role of women in History. In Geography, we will name and locate cities and countries from Europe and identify the reasons for certain cities being targeted during the Blitz. Do you know why?

Keep Calm and Battle for Britain Year 6

Autumn Term 2019

PE

We are going to become skilled at gymnastics by learning to roll, tumble and balance like a true gymnast. We will even tackle the trim trail like a true combat soldier!

We will be following the Gloucester Reds from the shed and learn the skills needed to play rugby.

Maths

Become an expert mathematician with our topics on :
Place Value— numbers up to 10 000 00
Rationing (measures)
Statistics

Music

Rally the troops! Music was vital in keeping up morale during WWII.
Learn how music was used to raise the spirits and learn the traditional WW2 songs.
What did they sing?

Computing

Whizz kid computing here we come ... we will be using control software and search technologies.

We will look at evaluating and presenting data and information—how is it best used?

AIMS OF YEAR 6

- To consolidate skills and knowledge.
- To identify gaps/areas which need further work.
- For each child to achieve his or her full potential.
- For each child to be given the relevant opportunities and skills to become a self-sufficient learner.
- For the transition from Year 6 to secondary school to be seamless.
- For all children to enjoy their final year at Kingsway..

Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome your child into year 6, we are sure they will have a successful time with us. As part of the transition we expect Year 6 to do the following:

- Organise themselves and ensure they have all of the required resources for each lesson
- Arrive at school and lessons in a punctual manner
- Have their indoor and outdoor PE kits in school at all times
- Hand their homework in on time to the same standard as classroom work
- Be in full uniform every day (this includes a tie and black school shoes)
- Set an example to the rest of the school with their behaviour and attitude
- Read at least four times a week at home and this be recorded
- Take care with all of their work and present to the highest possible standard

CLASSROOM

ROUTINES

- Come to school having had breakfast and a decent night's sleep.
- Wear appropriate school uniform, foot wear and coats! Jewellery is not allowed for health and safety reasons.
- Be responsible for handing in money and letters.
- Pupils need a bag for their PE kit and another **small** bag for their reading book and homework. Pupils have to fit these bags onto their pegs, with their coat. The pupils will need to leave their snacks in their bag and packed lunch in the box in the corridor.
- **Water** bottle for the classroom.
- Bags **packed by the pupils themselves** with their reading books and homework, if applicable.

School Day Timings

Session	Time
Morning Registration	8:45 – 8:55
English/Math	9:00 – 10:45
Assembly	10:45-11:00
Break	11:00 – 11:20
Further Morning Lessons	11:20 – 12:30
Lunch	12:30 – 1:30
Afternoon Lessons	1:30 - 3:15
End of School Day	3:15

Reading

Your child is expected to read daily at home for 15 min – this boosts children 's self-esteem and helps to create a lifelong love of literature, Please encourage your child to record when they have read in their reading records. Children are able to change their books as often as they want, but in Year 6 this should be as least one a week.

Homework expectations

- Reading
- Spellings – given out on a Friday, to be learnt for following Friday. These will be based on that week's spelling pattern and include two words from the Y5/6 spelling list.
- Half termly activities – pupils to choose 4 of from the list of 6. House points will be given for returned pieces.

PE Days

All children are required to have their indoor and outdoor PE kits in school at all times. Our PE days are Wednesday (Outdoor) and Thursday (indoor).

HOW CAN YOU

HELP?

- **Reading:** Most Year 6 pupils can read to themselves although it is important that you check they are reading for meaning by asking them questions about the text. Discuss the text which is being read and develop inference and deduction skills by 'reading between the lines'. Reading aloud though is a skill that some proficient readers find hard and they need to practise.
- **Times tables:** These are extremely important as they support a range of areas in maths. The children need to be confident in these so practising is key
- Supporting fundraising activities.
- Ensuring your child completes their homework to their full potential.

Trips

Winchcombe World War 2 experience (Thursday 12th September).

Please come in World War 2 dress and bring a packed lunch! Please no glass bottles or sweets!

PGL – details will follow!

Year 6 assemblies

Friday 8th November – Remembrance assembly.

July 2020 – Leavers and production.

Secondary schools

From noon 1st June 2019 to noon on 30th June 2019 (Now Closed)	Online registration period for Grammar Entrance Test
September 2019	Letters sent out explaining how to apply for school places
From 2nd September 2019 to 31st October 2019	Online Secondary/High School transfer application facility open
Saturday 14th September 2019	Grammar Entrance Test Day
By Monday 14th October 2019	Grammar Test results sent to parents
Thursday 31st October 2019	Closing date for school applications
Monday 2nd March 2020	Allocation Day
By Midnight Monday 9th March 2020	Closing date to return reply form accepting the School/Academy place or requesting to be put on waiting list/s

SATS

These will begin on the week beginning 11th May.

Your children will take their SATs in May 2019.

They will be assessed in Reading, Writing, EGPS (English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) and Maths (arithmetic and reasoning).

Further Information will provided nearer the time.

General Information

Children are able to walk home alone as long as we receive a permission letter from Parents / Carers in the first week of term.

If you are unable to speak to us face-to-face then please feel free to email us or message us on Class Dojo and we will reply as soon as possible, within school hours.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Thank you for
your time.