

Year 6 Overview Meeting 2022-23 – notes for parents/carers

Below are some of the key points for parents/carers of Year 6 pupils.

Staff

- **Cygnus Class:** Mr Davé (Class Teacher); Mrs Mollet (Thurs pm).
- **Aquila Class:** Mrs Dolan (Class Teacher Mon, Tues); Mrs O’Sullivan (Class Teacher Weds, Thurs, Fri); Ms Cheung (one lesson)
- Mrs Gupta & Mrs O’Brian (Teaching Assistant) through the mornings.
- Ms Newman (Learning Support Assistant) in Aquila.

Reading

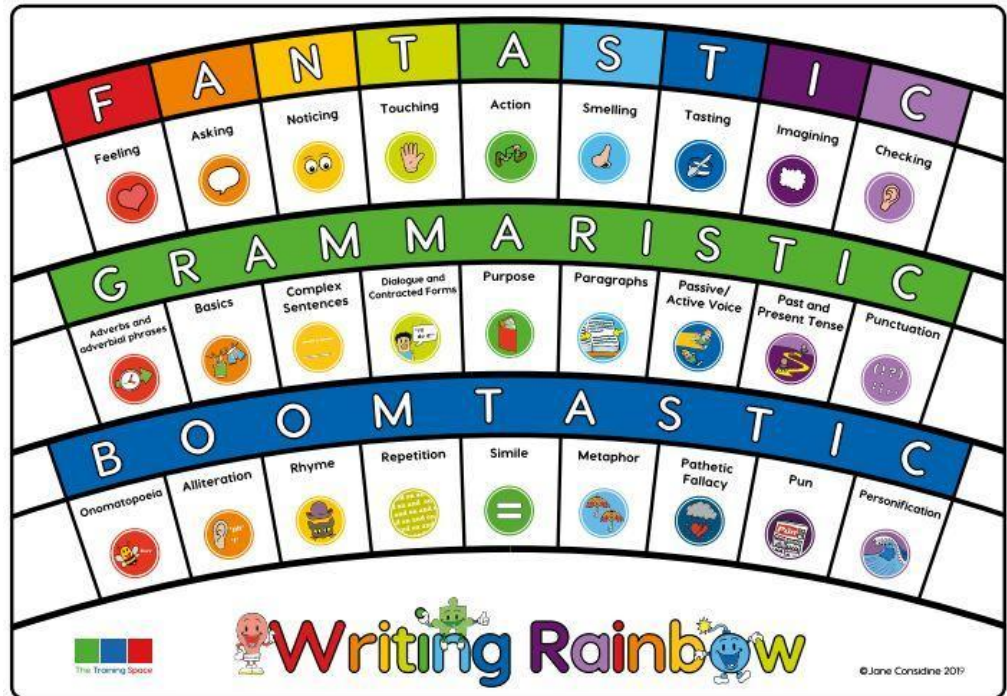
- Every child needs a reading book to use at home and at school. These can be two different books if you prefer them to keep one at home.
- Please ensure that your child reads for 20 minutes at home every day and writes this in their home/school book. It is important that children read aloud to an adult some of the time and discuss what they have been reading.
- Please sign the home/school book every weekend to indicate that the reading has been done every day.
- Home/school books will be checked by school staff each week.
- Pupils are welcome to borrow class books to read at home and at school.

Spelling

- Spelling patterns will be taught and revised during the week and may sometimes be part of the English Homework.
- Children also need to be able to spell all of the words on the Y3/4 spelling list and we will work on the spellings on the Y5/6 list.
- Please continue to support your children in the learning of the words on the spelling lists. A copy is available on the Google Classroom.

Writing

- The children are expected to write in joined, legible handwriting with blue-inked handwriting pens. Throughout the year we will be building on their previous work and covering the Year 6 curriculum.
- We will continue to use the lenses on the Writing Rainbow to support the children’s writing.



Times tables

- All children should be able to recall multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. Keep practising these with your child.
- Times Table Rock Stars is available for your child to use. They should use their existing login details from last year.

Maths lessons

- The National Curriculum for maths is taught using the White Rose Scheme.
- Maths tasks are split into three sections – fluency, reasoning and problem solving.
- Fluency tasks contain basic methods of calculation.
- Reasoning tasks are given to enable the children to explain their calculations and methods that they have used.
- Problem Solving tasks are given to enable the children to apply their learning.
- Mastery tasks are also used to give the children the opportunity to develop an understanding of a concept in greater depth.
- The maths topics covered are: Place value; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; fractions; position and direction; decimals; percentages; algebra; converting units of measure; perimeter, area and volume; ratio; properties of shapes; problem solving; statistics and investigations.

Homework

- English and maths homework will be set on **Google Classroom** every **Thursday** and must be completed by the time the children arrive at school the following **Tuesday**. Children should spend around 30 minutes on each activity.
- They should 'Turn in' their work once it is completed and look at any comments their teacher has made when it is returned.
- If your child is not able to access their work online, please let the class teacher know so that alternative arrangements can be made.
- Topic homework suggestions will be given out each half term on Google Classroom. Children are expected to complete and hand in **three** topic homework activities by the end of the half term (before the half-term break). If pupils would like to complete a topic-related activity that is not on the suggested list, they are very welcome to do so and this will count as one of their pieces of topic homework.

Resources to support learning

- Pupils have access to the London Grid for Learning (LGfL) www.lgfl.net, which has links to many useful resources. Their log in will be in their home/school book. Resources we would recommend are on Busy Things (use the search bar to find it)
- Videos to support parents with Maths at home can be found here: <https://mathsathome.lgfl.org.uk/main.html>
- Similarly for grammar support check here: <https://grammar.lgfl.org.uk/year6.html>

Topics

- We will have a different topic focus each half term, around which most of the children's learning will be based:

Autumn 1	Tomorrow's World
Autumn 2	A Child's War
Spring 1	Frozen Kingdom
Spring 2	I.D.
Summer 1	Gallery Rebels
Summer 2	Hola Mexico!

Trips/events

- **Swimming** - Wednesday 13th September – Wednesday 8th November.
- **Evacuee Day** - Monday 30th October. Come dressed as a World War Two evacuee.
- **SATs week** – 13th May 2024. These are the formal End of Key Stage 2 assessment tests.

- Residential trip to Wales**
- The **5-day residential trip** for each class has been booked for **Monday 20th to Friday 24th May 2023 for one class and Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June 2023** for the other. This is either side of the May Half Term Break.
 - There will be a meeting about the trip during the Spring Term. The cost of the trip the last time we went was approximately £310 per child.
- Behaviour**
- We will continue to use the Behaviour and Learning Ladders along with the Christian Values Tree to promote and celebrate positive learning attitudes and behaviours.
 - If your child's behaviour is causing us any concern, we will contact you.
- General**
- If your child's end-of-day arrangements change, please inform the class teacher in advance.
 - If your child walks to or from school on their own, please complete a 'Walking to School' form available from the office or class teachers.
 - If your child is walking on their own and you wish them to bring a mobile phone to school, please ask the class teacher for a 'Mobile Phone Agreement' form which will need to be completed by the child and parent.
 - Please ensure that full PE kits are in school every day.
 - Children need to remove any jewellery and watches/fitbits etc before PE lessons. If, for any reason, they are unable to remove earrings, they must bring their own tape to cover them with.
- Communication**
- You are able to contact your child's class teacher via the class email address:
Aquila Class: aquila@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk
Cygnus Class: cygnus@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk
If your message is **urgent**, please phone the school office.
 - If your child brings a note in their home/school book, please remind them to bring it to their teacher's attention.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

By working together, we hope that your child will have a happy and successful journey through Year 6.