

Year 6 Overview Meeting 2024-25 – notes for parents/carers

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

Staff

- **Cygnus Class:** Miss Forde (Class Teacher)
- **Aquila Class:** Mrs O'Sullivan (Class Teacher Mon, Tues); Mrs Cordery (Class Teacher Thurs and Fri).
- Mrs Gupta (Teaching Assistant) across Year 6 in the mornings.
- A member of LEO Academy staff will teach outdoor **PE on Tuesday afternoon**.
- A member of the Lingotots team will teach French on Tuesday afternoon.
- A member of the Cheam Leisure Centre staff will teach swimming on Wednesday afternoons from 11th September until 6th November.
- After the 8 swimming sessions have finished, we will have an indoor PE lesson and the outdoor PE is likely to change days - we will let you know the exact days nearer the time!

Reading

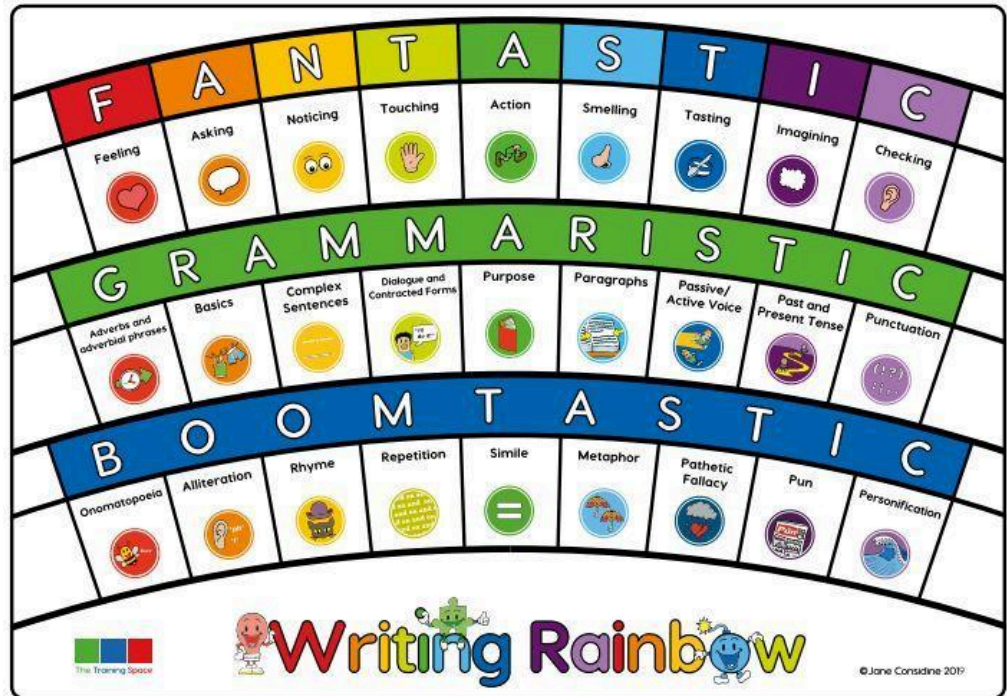
- Every child needs a reading book to read at home and at school. These can be two different books if you prefer them to keep one at home.
- Please ensure that your child reads for 20 minutes at home every day and writes this in their home/school book. It is important that children read aloud to an adult 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.
- Library day for Year 6 will be Thursday.

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 and use of the spelling patterns. A copy of the spelling lists is available on your child's 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 the writing skills they have learnt previously 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

- By Year 6, all children should be able to recall multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. Please 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

- 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>

Equipment to be brought to school

- Pupils should bring a pencil case with them to school and check that they have a working pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, glue stick and possibly some coloured pencils.

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 11th September – Wednesday 6th November.
- **TfL/public services workshop** - Sutton Library - Monday 21st October
- **Evacuee Day** - Monday 4th November. Come dressed as a World War Two evacuee.
- **SATs week** – 12th to 15th May 2025. 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 19th to Friday 23rd May 2025 for one class and Monday 2nd to Friday 6th June 2025** for the other. This is either side of the May Half Term Break and once staffing has been finalised, we will let you know which class is going during which week.
- There will be a meeting about the trip during the Spring Term. The cost of the trip last year was £360 per child.

Behaviour

- We will continue to use the Behaviour and Learning Ladders along with the Christian Values of love, trust, service and hope to promote and celebrate positive learning attitudes and behaviours.
- If your child's behaviour is causing us any concern, we will contact you.
- Similarly, if you have any concerns over your child's behaviour or wellbeing, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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 they come to school wearing their full PE kit on their PE days. PE t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms in colder weather, school jumper/cardigan, socks and trainers.
- 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.