

Parent Curriculum Event

Year 6, September 2024



Agenda

1. Welcome to the Year Team
2. Celebrating success at Avonwood
3. Curriculum and Key Dates (Autumn Term)
4. Timetables and Routines
5. Home Learning
6. Annual Reminders

Welcome to Year 6

Curriculum briefing for the Autumn Term



Welcome to Year 6 Team



Mrs King
Year Lead & Everest
Class Teacher



Mrs Pritchard
Olympus Class Teacher



Mrs Rich and Mrs Turner
Snowdon Class Teachers



Mrs Collins
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Peckham
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Masterson
Teaching Assistant

Reasons to feel proud...

- Strong academic performance
- Consistently excellent attendance
- Beautiful school grounds / building with continued capital investment
- Highly oversubscribed
- Brilliant PTA events
- Consistently strongest staff and parent survey responses in the group
- Avonwood Teacher / TA / Leadership Production Line
- National ResearchEd Event
- #TeamAvonwood Spirit
- Happy children!



Celebrating Success

School Performance Information



KS1 results

	Expected+			Greater Depth		
	Avonwood	National (2022)	Difference	Avonwood	National	Difference
Reading	90%	68%	+22%	48%		
Writing	73%	58%	+15%	12%		
Maths	85%	69%	+16%	50%		
RWM	70%	54%	+16%	7%		



Year 4 – MTC Test

Score	21+	22+	23+	24+	25
Avonwood	82%	81%	75%	68%	54%
National (2023)					29%
Difference					+25%

25% above National Average
for full marks!



Year 6 SATS

	Expected+			Greater Depth		
	Avonwood	National (2023)	Difference	Avonwood	National	Difference
Reading	91%	74%	+17%	40%		
Writing	89%	72%	+17%	16%		
Maths	87%	72%	+16%	37%		
Science	93%	81%	+12%			
SPAG	87%	72%	+15%	46%		
RWM	81%	61%	+20%	10%		



... to infinity and beyond!

- Strong attendance figures last year - Top 10% of schools nationally.
- 80% of EYFS children hit GLD, national average 67%
- 97% of children in Year 1 passed their screening test, national average 75% (2022).
- 54% hit full marks on the Timetables test, 25% above national average.
- Biggest grammar feeder school in BCP.



Curriculum & Key Dates

Autumn Term briefing, 2024

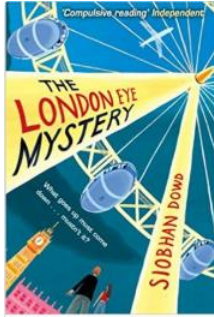


Curriculum Overview

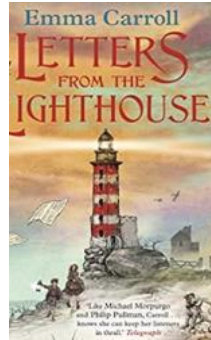
- Recapping previous learning from all of KS2.
- **Science:** light and electricity; evolution and inheritance; living things and their habitats; animals including humans; chemical reactions.
- **History:** Anglo-Saxons; Vikings; British Empire; World War 2.
- **Geography:** improving the environment; comparison of environments; geographical fieldwork.
- **R.E.:** Theology (Christianity); Social Sciences (Hindu Dharma/festivals and pilgrimage); Philosophy.
- **D&T:** textiles; sustainable systems; cooking and nutrition.
- **Art & design:** recycled materials; displacement; global connections.
- **Music:** Keyboards after Christmas (children will need headphones from home for this).



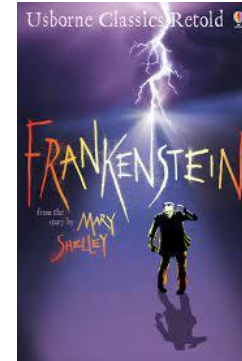
Key texts studied in Year 6



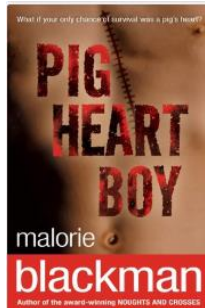
The London Eye Mystery
Siobhan Dowd
Year 6 – Autumn 1



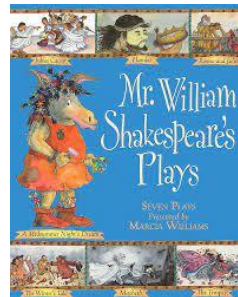
Letters from the Lighthouse
Emma Carroll
Year 6 – Autumn 2



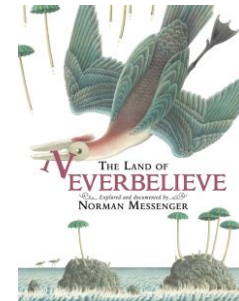
Frankenstein
Mary Shelley
Year 6 – Spring 1



Pig Heart Boy
Malorie Blackman
Year 6 – Spring 2



Macbeth
William Shakespeare
Year 6 – Summer 1



The Land of Neverbelieve
Norman Messenger
Year 6 – Summer 2



Trips and Visits for this term and the year ahead

Trips:

- Sports fixtures
- Buddens (**May 2025**)



Visitors/visits/dress-up days:

- Display of work with fashion show! (**End of Autumn 1, before October half term**)
- Bikeability opportunities (**more information coming soon**)
- National Holocaust Centre online visit (**December - more information coming soon**)



Whole school events:

- Earth Charter Day – mufti (like a penguin!) – **Friday 27th September**
- Online author events



Key dates for your diary

Whole school
Year 6 only

Autumn 1:

- **Friday 27th September** – Earth Charter Day (mufti – ‘March of the Penguins’)
- **Saturday 5th October** – sibling photos
- **Friday 18th October** – 3:15pm book look across the school. We would like to invite Year 6 parents/carers to join us at the earlier time of **2:30pm** to enjoy a fashion show event in the hall, showcasing our DT creations and accompanying writing! We will be back in our classrooms by 3:00pm when doors will then be open to look over books

Autumn 2:

- **Saturday 9th November** – Fireworks
- **Friday 15th November** – Children in Need onesie day
- **Monday 16th December** – online National Holocaust experience (Leo’s Journey – age appropriate). School time – children only
- **Tuesday 17th December** – Year 6 carol concert – **parents/carers to join for 2:45pm in hall**
- **Wednesday 18th December** – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day



Timetable & Routines

Autumn Term briefing, 2024



Year 6 at a glance

Morning drop off:

- Doors open at 08:40 → 'early work'
- Doors close at 08:50 → registration

End of the day pick up:

- Generally DEAR from 15:00
- Doors open at 15:15

PE days:

- Wednesday
- Thursday

Homework (same cycle across the school):

- Issued on Friday
- Due the next Thursday
- CGP books

Pick Up and Drop Off



- Punctual
- Walking side by side
- Walk to School Agreements – Years 5 & 6 only



Weekly Timetable

Weekly Timetable – Autumn 1

Year Group: 6

Day / Time	Arrival 08:40-09:00	Session 1 09:00-10:00	Session 2 09:45-10:45	Break 10:45-11:00	Session 3 11:00-12:00	Lunch 12:00-13:00	Session 4 13:00-13:15	Session 5 13:15-14:00	Session 6 14:00-15:00	Session 7 15:00-15:15
Monday	Morning Learning	Maths	English	BREAK	Reading	LUNCH	DEAR	13:15-13:45 French	13:45-14:40 RE	14:50-15:10 Assembly
Tuesday	Morning Learning/ 1 class times tables quiz	Maths	English		Reading		Times tables	13:15-14:30 Science	14:30-14:50 Harvest songs	DEAR
Wednesday	Morning Learning/ 1 class times tables quiz	Maths	Reading		English		Spelling/Handwriting	Computing	PE	DEAR
Thursday	Morning Learning/ 1 class times tables quiz	Maths	Reading		English		Times tables	PE	History/Geography	14:50-15:05 Assembly
Friday	Morning Learning	Rotation morning: Forest school	English		Maths		First Chapter Friday	Reading	DT/Art	14:50-15:05 Assembly

PSHE – taught in bulk first week back



Home Learning Expectations

Autumn Term briefing, 2024



Reading every day: the power of 1:1 reading

The expectation is that every child reads at home (or is read to by an adult) every day.

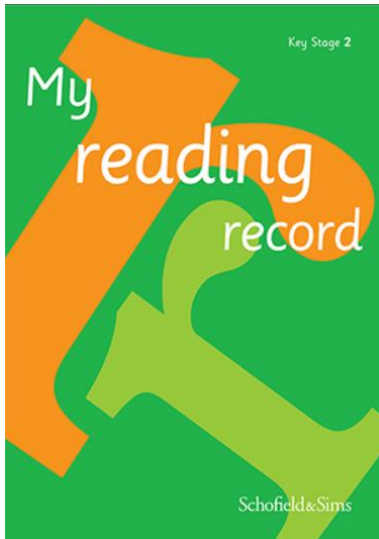
Where it is such a key life skill, we feel this sits at the very top of our home learning priorities.



Please do have a look on the reading section of our website as there is a range of information on how best to support your child with reading:

→ [Early Reading | Subjects | Curriculum | Avonwood Primary School](#)

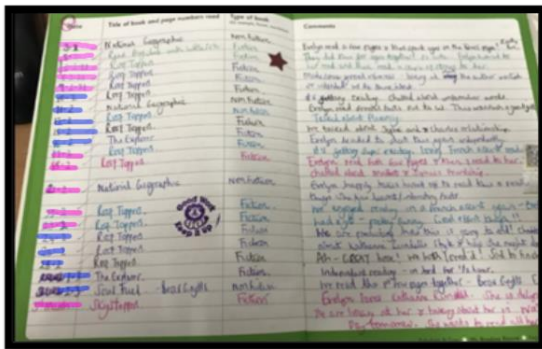
Reading



- Record reading (including genre) (ideally daily)
- Read with expression and pay attention to the punctuation used
- Ideas for questions and activities to use when reading with your child
- Teachers will stamp reading records once a week but may also check these at other points throughout the week

Reading 'High 5'

- Bring your reading record in every day.
- An adult will check these weekly.
- Once you have read five times (this does not have to be in the same week and weekends can be included) an adult will tick the 'High 5' reading chart and you will be given a pom pom for our class jar!
- When the jar is full of pom poms, our class will get time to celebrate our success together with a reading raffle activity!



Recommended Reads

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Additional Challenge Recommended Reads

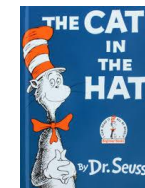


United Learning
The best in everyone™

- Ambition
- Confidence
- Creativity
- Respect
- Enthusiasm
- Determination

Recommended Reads: prizes

- ⇒ Bronze certificate: Three Recommended Reads → bookmark
- ⇒ Silver certificate: Six Recommended Reads → book badge
- ⇒ Gold certificate: Ten Recommended Reads → one free book of choice
- ⇒ Diamond certificate: Fifteen Recommended Reads → £5 book voucher



Home Learning: activities in addition to reading

- Cycle: issued Friday, due Thursday
- Focus: consolidation and fluency
- Home-learning policy on school website
- Website: Parents → Homework → Year group

Tasks/activities in addition to reading at home daily:

Activity	Expectation
Doodle Maths	5x 10min sessions a week
Spellings	Around 15 minutes a week via Spelling Shed
'Times Tables Rockstars'	5x 10min sessions a week
*CGP SATs revision guides	Around 30 minutes per week Collected in every fortnight

**An overview of the CGP tasks will be shared at the beginning of every half term via:*

- ⇒ Parent curriculum information event at the start of the half term
- ⇒ Sending to parents electronically
- ⇒ Publishing on the website
- ⇒ Giving children a paper copy.

How you can help...

- Read **every day** with your child.
- Assist with homework if necessary (refer to our policies online).
- Help them to establish a routine and develop ownership of this as the year goes on – e.g. homework first then TV/gaming as a reward. Encourage independence.
- Routine – time management, relaxation etc.



Polite Annual Reminders

Updates for September 2024



Ongoing Communication

- Always refer to our official website
- If in doubt, please talk to us!
- Instagram feeds – **avonwood.year6**
- If you would like to contact your class teacher or year leader, please email the office and they will forward on.

office@avonwoodprimaryschool.org.uk



Smart Uniform Expectations

- Hair Styles
- Nails & Piercings
- Jewellery
- PE Tops & Caps
- Sensible Coat
- PE Shorts



- Note: Second Hand Uniform Shop

Lunches & snacks

- Healthy snacks (fruit/vegetables)
- Lunches must be booked online in advance.
- Nut Free School
- Water bottle



E-Safety Advice

- Make sure home broadband is filtered
- Make sure parental settings activated on any mobile device
- Take care with exposure to computer games / YouTubers
- Chat function within games
- WhatsApp
- Parent to Parent Responsibility



Smart Mobile Phones

- Smart Mobile Phones are prohibited on site.
- Exceptional circumstances form available.
- Parent support on this matter is hugely appreciated.



Avonwood PTA Team



- PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 21st October (Outback Barrel Room in Southbourne)
- Ideally one rep from every class
- Special events rely on community support & help
- Saturday 9th November – Fireworks event (help needed)

What does it mean to be 'Secondary Ready'?



Being Secondary Ready

SATs

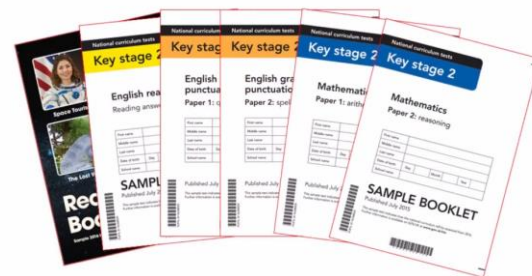
Achieving the expected standard in all 3 of Reading, Writing and Maths means that your child will be able to access the KS3 curriculum and be on a trajectory for further success.

Attendance and Behaviour

Establishing the right habits, for example being at school, on time, every day, and following the school's behaviour expectations will ensure that your child develops the independence and self-discipline needed for Y7.

Year 6 SATs

- Children will be sitting their SATs in May (**Monday 12th – Thursday 15th 2025**).
- Statutory requirement from the government.
- Preparation happens in all lessons for the whole year
- We provide lots of extra support e.g keeping children and parents informed of how well they are doing, small group and individual support, tailored homework.

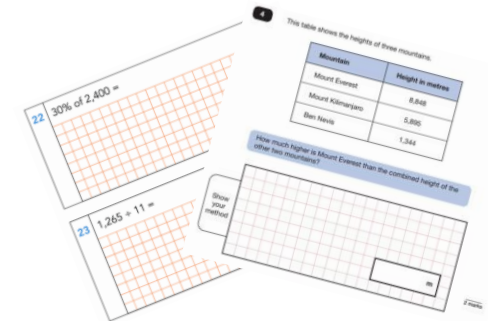
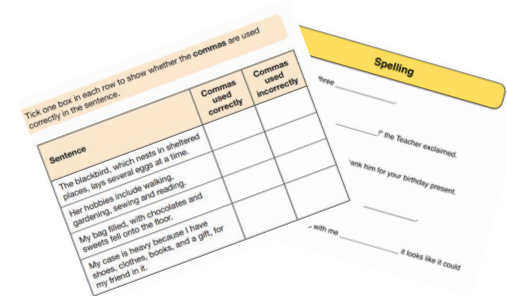


Year 6 SATs

Each child will be required to sit six papers:

- Grammar, spelling and punctuation paper
- Spelling test
- Reading comprehension
- Arithmetic paper
- Two maths reasoning (word problem) papers

Writing remains teacher assessed.



Year 6 SATs

- Past papers once a half term – focus on format and different test techniques.
- Mock SATs week so that children know exactly how it will run.
- Results are issued in July with end of year report.
- Information will be passed onto secondary schools, however, children tend to be retested by their new schools.

Moving to Secondary School

Transfer Application and Making Links



Secondary School Admissions – How to Apply

- Finding a secondary school is very similar to picking a primary school.
- BCP Admissions Portal – **closing date 31st October 2024**
- Visits and Open Evenings
- Grammar Tests – Saturday 21st September 2024



Our Links to Local Secondary Schools

- **Avonbourne Boys and Girls** – use of D&T classrooms, auditorium, careers events, return of secondary pupils to help run events (e.g. sports day)
- **Winton/Glenmoor** – United Learning school links
- **Twynham** – dance lessons



Any questions?

