

Welcome to Year 6!

Miss Arnold, Mrs Fuller, Miss Pritlove and Mrs Marchant would like to welcome you to Year 6.

Welcome back! We are so pleased to have the children back in school after the Summer break. Year 6 is a very important year but also a year full of new and exciting challenges which we're sure your children will enjoy. Working alongside us to support the children are our LSAs: Mrs Parkinson, Mrs Sebastiano, Mrs Scott.

To find out more about our curriculum, please look at our curriculum overview and creative curriculum unit of work document which are published on the school website.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that contact with Year 6 staff should be made via a note in your child's planner or the Year 6 email address year6@stannsheath.org

Homework

Homework in Year 6 will be set from SATs based CGP books (these are essential to your child's learning in Year 6) and a letter about this will come home shortly and further guidance will be given about these during our year group information evening.

Monday—Maths CGP task due Thursday

Thursday—Grammar CGP task due Monday

Reading—5 x 15 minutes per week

Times tables—5 x 15 minutes per week

1 additional task linked to our Creative Curriculum will be set each half term.

Children are responsible for recording their homework and reading in their school planner. Please can we ask that parents check and sign planners over the weekend.

Equipment

PE kit should be worn to school on a Tuesday and Friday. Children should bring school shoes and a spare pair of socks in a plastic bag. Please ensure no jewellery is worn on these days.

The full uniform and PE kit list can be found in the school planner.

Pencil cases (to fit in trays) - a list of equipment has been provided. Please can we ask that this is standard equipment and nothing too distracting.

Water bottles—need to be named and brought in daily, this is in addition to a packed lunch drink.

Coats are needed for break times and children are allowed fresh fruit or veg as a snack. Please remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL.

Boosters and Interventions

Throughout the year, we run a range of interventions according to the children's needs.

These may be to bridge gaps, support learning or to extend children. Last year, almost every child in Year 6 found themselves in an intervention of some sort. These take place either early before school or during the school day.

Please note that only parents of children selected for the 'before school interventions' will be informed by a letter.

SATs and Assessment

At St Ann's Heath, we believe that children learn best when exposed to a broad curriculum. Therefore, we endeavour to keep the Year 6 curriculum balanced and engaging. That said, we aim to prepare the children for their SATs (Standard Attainment Tests) as best we can to ensure each child reaches their full potential.

To help us achieve this, we assess children regularly using a range of methods. As part of this process, the children will be sitting practice SATs papers throughout the year in order to familiarise themselves with the format, questions and overall expectation.

SATs are national tests taken at the end of each key stage and are designed to assess children's progress before their transition to secondary education. The children take these in Maths, Reading, Grammar and Spelling.

It is essential that every child attends school during SATs week (w/c 9th May) so please ensure this date is in your diaries.

More information on SATs week will be provided later in the year.

Thank you as always for your continued support. We are very excited for the year ahead and are looking forward to celebrating all of your children's achievements!