

Welcome to Year 6!

Miss Arnold, Mrs Fuller, Miss Hill and Miss Wilson 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 Sebastiano, Mrs Aitken and Miss Tuffey.

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). A letter about this will come home shortly and further guidance will be given about these during our year group information evening.

Reading	Approx. 15 mins 5x per week
Times table practise using TT Rockstars	Approx. 15 mins 3x per week
Spelling practise using Edshed	Approx. 15 mins 3x per week
Homework	Maths CGP - handed out on a Monday, due in on a Thursday Grammar CGP - handed out on Thursday, due in on Monday. Creative Curriculum task once a 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 so they are ready to be countersigned by staff on Monday.

Equipment

PE kit should be worn to school on a Monday and Friday. Children should bring school shoes and a spare pair of socks in a plastic bag. Please ensure no jewellery (**including earrings**) 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 of a standard size 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. **Please could we ask that past SATs papers are not completed at home or with tutors as these are an invaluable teaching tool.**

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 8th May) so please ensure this date is in your diaries.

More information on SATs week will be provided in due course.

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!