

Who's Who in Year 6

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Maths Learning Group 4

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Swimming and PE lessons:



Swimming: 6B and 6G are swimming in Terms 1, 2 & 3 on Fridays. Please make sure your child has a swimsuit, hat and towel for the Friday session.



PE lessons: In Terms 1 & 2 6B and 6G have an outdoor PE lesson on Mondays and 6R and 6Y have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Children should have in school: navy/black shorts, a t-shirt in their class colour, trainers (for outdoors) and plimsolls (for indoors). For bad weather, your child may bring along a tracksuit.



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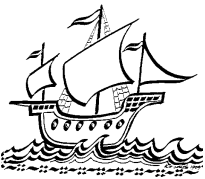


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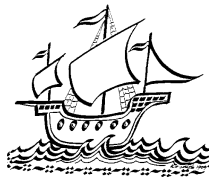
Terms 1 and 2

This booklet gives a quick resume of our teaching and learning programme during these terms. There are lots of exciting events happening across Terms 1 and 2. Here's a snapshot of what you can expect over the next two terms:

Date	Event
22/9/14	Prayer reflection sessions: Parents invited to visit the Prayer Space between 3-3:45 pm Mon-Thurs or 1:15-3:15pm Fri
26/9/14	Individual pupil photography session
16/10/14	Exit point— in afternoon parents invited details to follow
20/10/14	Whole school parent consultation. School closes on Monday 21st at 1:15 pm. Upton Ship ASC on until 6:15 pm
24/10/14	End of Term 1: school finishes at 3:15 pm, Upton Ship ASC on until 6:15 pm
31/10/14	Deadline for Secondary Common Application forms to be completed. If you have completed the form online, please inform the school or give a hard copy to the office.
3/11/14	Staff training day: school closed to all pupils
4/11/14	Start of Term 2: school open at 7:50 am for Breakfast Club Attendees and 8:40 am for the rest of the school
20/11/14	WoW day—details to follow
26/11/14	Year 6 Parent Lunches-Letters out shortly
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4/12/14	Upton Open Day for Admissions 2015 10:30 am - 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm
5/12/14	Christmas Fair—1:30 pm
W/B 8/12/14	Year 6 Christmas Assembly (Exact date to be confirmed)
9/12/14	Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime
17/12/14	Christmas Dinner—Letter out in November
19/12/14	Christmas celebration - Holy Trinity Church
19/12/14	End of Term: School closes at 2:15 pm. Upton Ship ASC on until 6:15 pm
5/1/14	Start of Term 3: school open at 7:50 am for Breakfast Club Attendees and 8:40 am for the rest of the school.



Year 6 Topics



English: We will be following a text-based curriculum covering these books:

- 'March On' - Linked to Martin Luther King for all Learning Groups.
- Roald Dahl's 'Boy' for Learning Groups 1 & 2
- 'Kensuke's Kingdom' for Learning Groups 1 & 2
- 'A Christmas Carol' for Learning Groups 1 & 2
- 'Why the Whales came' for Learning Groups 3 & 4
- 'BFG' for Learning Groups 3 & 4
- 'Lost Christmas' for Learning Groups 3 & 4
- Learning Groups 5 and 6 will be continuing at present with Fresh Start.

Maths: We are still following the new National Numeracy Strategy which organises work into units of work. We will be studying: The **4 rules:**

addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be studying **2D shapes; angles and fractions.** We will also be dipping into the new curriculum which we do not have to cover until September 2015. They will be at the level appropriate for each learning group. The children are in learning groups according to their needs and rate of progress. Homework is set in these groups.

Any work you would like to do with your child at home could involve:-

1. Learning certain maths facts by heart so that the children develop the ability to recall these facts instantly.
2. Playing a game with cards or dice.
3. Investigating number patterns.
4. Shopping and pocket money problems.
5. Use 'MyMaths' site - please see homework tasks.

New Topic Curriculum: During Term 1, Year 6 will be studying how we learn through a unit called **Brainwave** and then through a topic called **The Great, the Bold and the Brave**. Year 6 will also be learning about invasions and their impact. In Term 2, Year 6 will learn about **the body**. A letter will be sent explaining each topic as appropriate.

ICT: In Terms 1 and 2, 6R and 6Y will be finding out about **Computing** through the newly devised curriculum taken by Mr Jackson. Using a computer based world, the children will decide how "objects" interact with each other. They will also program how they are controlled and develop this world into a Mars simulation based on NASA's rover project. Using a coding language, the children will explore loops and subroutines. (Repeating programs). In the classroom the children will develop their digital literacy skills and E-safety understanding



Music: Lessons will be taken by Mr Langridge and the focus will be on learning to play the Keyboard.

Art: Will be linked to the units covered, more details to follow.



R.E: The whole school meets every day for collective worship, except for Tuesday where the pupils meet in houses. In class we will look at Sikhism in Term 1 and Christianity in Term 2.

Homework Tasks and Supporting your child at home:

The Government advise Year 6 pupils should do 35 minutes homework per night. Completing the homework that has been set benefits your child both by preparing them for secondary school routine and by consolidating their understanding of work taught during the week. However, if you do not wish your child to complete homework please make their class teacher aware and we will not chase up work not handed in.



Homework will follow a set pattern:

Maths: Tuesday and Thursday

English: Monday and Friday

Topic: Wednesday

♦ 'The site 'MyMaths.co.uk' is subscribed to by the school. Work is sometimes set using this website and there will be an entry in their homework diaries offering more information.

♦ Your child needs their login. If the login is lost, let us know and we can give out the information again.

General MyMaths Upton login: uptonjs new password: north

Useful Websites:

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2 www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents

School uniform: Could I remind everyone of our school uniform:

Girls: pullovers—grey or navy; skirts—grey or navy; blouses—white or light blue.

Boys: trousers—grey; boys shirts—white or light blue; school fleeces and sweatshirts

Labelling clothes: Please ensure all children's items of clothing are labelled with a name and class. If clothes go missing we are then able to return them to their class teacher.