

Who's Who in Year 6

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PE & Swimming Lessons

P.E. kits need to be in school at all times. Swimming will take place on a Friday. In Term 3, B's and G's will swim and in Term 4 it will be R's and Y's.

Please make sure your child brings a full kit to school. Make sure all the kit is labelled including the trainers or plimsolls.

As the winter weather continues and temperatures drop, please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for outside PE so that they can be warm and comfortable. Tracksuits and / or the Upton 'hoodie' can be worn. As the saying goes, "There is no such thing as inappropriate weather, only inappropriate clothing."



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Year 6 Newsletter

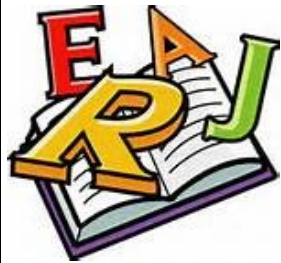
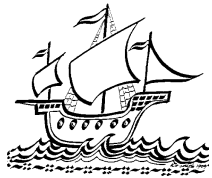
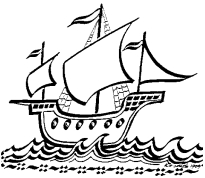
Terms 3 and 4
The Year 6 team would like to wish everybody a very Happy New Year and thank you for encouraging and supporting your children as they progress through the year.
This booklet gives a quick résumé of our teaching and learning programme this term. There are lots of exciting events happening across Terms 3 and 4.

Thank
YOU!

Here's a snapshot of what you can expect over the next two terms:

Date	Event
19/1/17	6Y class assembly - Parents invited: 9:00am
20/1/17	Pupil Forum: form captains to meet with governors
20/1/17	Governors Clinic: Parents invited to meet with the Governors: 2:30pm
27/1/17	New Year Resolution forms to be returned
30/1/17	Viking Academy Trust AGM: 6:00pm
3/2/17	Upper School disco—7:00-8:15pm
6/2/17	Mid-year assessments in Maths and English.
8/2/17	'What a wonderful world' Project due in.
8/2/17	Exit Point—Parents Invited: 2:00 pm
9/2/17	End of Term 3: School finishes at 3:15 pm. Upton Ship Afterschool Club is on until 6:15 pm
10/2/17	INSET Day: School closed to all pupils
20/2/17	Start of Term 4: School opens at 7:45 am for breakfast club attendees and 8:40 am for the rest of the school
17/3/17	Parent viewing of Puberty DVD—2:30pm
17/3/17	Pupil Forum: form captains to meet with governors
22/3/17	Year 6 parents invited in for lunch.
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Week beg: 27/3/17	Easter Celebrations Week
31/3/17	End of Term 4: School finishes at 2:15pm.
19/4/17	Start of Term 5: School open at 7:45 am for breakfast club attendees and 8:40 am for the rest of the school.
Week beg 8/5/17	Advanced Warning: SATS week—please ensure there are no absences during this week.

Year 6 Topics



English: English will be taught in learning groups following the text-based curriculum. Each learning group teacher will send homework and spellings specific to their group. During Terms 3 & 4 we will be reading:

Term 3:
Mr Walker, Miss Povey and Mrs Sedgewick's Learning Groups: Poetry, & The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
Mrs Blunden's & Miss Papa-Adams' Learning Group:

Wartman

Term 4: Information texts focusing on World War 1 and Titanic
Mrs Blunden and Miss Papa-Adams learning group: Fairy tales and information books

Maths: We are following the National Curriculum which organises work into Strands. 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

Aims for these terms include rounding, decimals, usually all 4 operations to solve real life problems, long division, ordering fractions and numbers up to 3 decimal places, 3D shapes, using formulae and using a protractor, these will be differentiated according to the needs of the individual learning groups.

SATs: We are helping the children prepare for SATs through additional intervention groups in English and Maths

IPC Topics: Term 3: What A Wonderful World

We will be looking at plate tectonics, climatic regions around the world, major landforms and natural extreme events.

Term 4: Being Human

We will be looking at the major systems in the body, what makes us human and how the body changes during puberty.



Computing: This term we will be learning through Minecraft. The children will develop their programming and coding skills as they master the use of the TURTLE in Minecraft. The TURTLE can mine, build and move, but only if you can code it.



Music: Lessons will be taken by Mr Langridge. Year 6 will continue to focus on keyboards, creating a sound track to a short animation.

R.E: The whole school meets most days for collective worship. In class we will continue to look at Sikhism and Easter.

Homework Tasks and Supporting your child at home:

The computer suite is open both at lunch time and from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm every day for parents and children to complete homework.

Library lunchtime open days for pupils: Year 6 pupils can access the library on Thursdays and Fridays.

♦ Just a reminder that English Homework is set on a Monday and a Friday evening and maths is now set using the MyMaths website every 2 weeks.

Topic work is to be carried out on a Wednesday. If no specific homework has been set then timetables, general research and extra reading should be undertaken. Children should be doing at least 30-35 minutes per day.

♦ SPELLINGS are set each week by the learning group teachers.

♦ MATHS: times tables and maths tasks are set each week.

♦ 'The site 'MyMaths.co.uk' is subscribed to by the school.

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

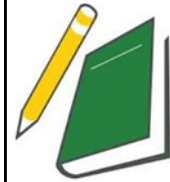
♦ **General Upton My Maths login:** uptonjs password: north

Other useful websites include:

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents



You can help your child by discussing what children are reading to develop inference and deduction skills and develop their independence by not chasing your child to complete their homework, let us do it in school!

REMINDER: Secondary School choices will be shared with parents on 1st March 2017. (by email from Kent Admissions)