



Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break. We have hit the ground running already this week and jumped straight into our new book, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. This links well to our new History unit – Who are the Greeks? In maths, we have started learning about Ratio and Proportion, and we have been writing persuasive speeches to Mr Peebles in our writing lessons.

Miss Maloney and Miss Kelly

Important messages

Greek Day is on Monday 12th January. Children are welcome to dress up 😊

RSE

As part of our spring term PSHE lessons, Year 6 will be covering the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum next week (w/c 12.1.26).

This follows on from the RSE meeting held last term, where we shared the approach and content for these lessons. To help you review what will be covered, the PowerPoint and resources are available on the Year 6 page of the school website, under **Information for Parents**.

Weekly Spelling Quiz Update

From Spring term, weekly spelling quizzes will include 6 spellings from the current week's list, 2 from the previous week and 2 from an earlier quiz within your child's year group. This approach uses retrieval practice, which helps children strengthen their memory and move spellings into long-term retention, rather than just learning them for a single test.

Please don't be concerned if scores dip slightly at first while children adjust to this format - this is a normal part of the learning process and will support stronger spelling knowledge over time.

Accelerated Reader

When the children finish reading a book, they need to complete an online quiz at home before changing the book.

Children should aim to complete as many quizzes as they can, but are expected to complete at least 3 quizzes per half-term.

Important Dates

Monday 12th January – Greek Day

Friday 30th January – Film Night

Homework

SATS Buster

This week the children should complete **Set 1 Test B** of the **Maths SATS Buster Book**.

Maths.co.uk

Maths homework will reflect the learning that is done in class during each unit. It is set every Friday on Maths.co.uk. Logins have been sent home.

Spelling

Spellings are set every Friday with a spelling quiz the following Friday, giving children one week to learn them.

Weekly spelling quizzes will include 6 spellings from the current week's list, 2 from the previous week and 2 from an earlier quiz within your child's year group.

Reading

Please see below for the Key Stage 2 reading guidance. When the children finish reading a book, they need to complete an online quiz at home before changing the book.

Children should aim to complete as many quizzes as they can, but are expected to complete at least 3 quizzes per half-term.

[Find the link to AR here.](#)

Times Table Rockstars

As a guideline, **children should aim to practise their times tables as much as possible, preferably daily.** Please encourage the children to practise those times tables which they are less secure with.

Reading in Key Stage 2

Handy Hints

- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions – **15 minutes per day.**
- Continue to read out loud to an adult as well as independently.
- Try to read a range of books including fiction and non-fiction.
- Complete the Accelerated Reader quiz at home, ideally within 24-48 hours of finishing the book.



How can parents help?

Reading improves with practice.

Encourage your child to read at home, share your own books, discuss books, ask questions about the book they have read and visit the local library.

Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework.