

Y6 Spring Newsletter



Welcome

Happy New Year Y6, parents and carers. We hope you've all had a lovely, restful holiday and enjoyed spending time with loved ones.

What a wonderful first term we had. The children came into Y6 with a fantastic attitude to learning and are already showing fantastic progress, which is reflected in their wonderful work.

As a Y6 team, we want to thank you all for your continued support.

Miss Pratt, Mr Wassell, Mrs Kemp and Mrs Bayles

Y6 Key Staff

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching assistants
Y6P	Miss Pratt	Miss Jabbar
Y6W	Mr Wassell	Ms Stephenson Miss Vintin Miss Francis
Y6KB	Mrs Kemp (Mon & Tues) Mrs Bayles (Wed – Fri)	Ms Stephenson Mrs Burton Miss Jabbar

Staff are always available on the yard just before the school day begins or just after school when we dismiss the children for quick messages. To discuss any worries or concerns, please contact your child's classteacher via Class DoJo or get in touch with us at teachers@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk to arrange a meeting.

Spring Curriculum

Below is an outline of the topics Year 6 will be covering over the term. For further details, please visit our website under the 'our learning' section. **The 'Key learning' documents are great for a snapshot of the most important facts and understanding.**

Summer 1

English	Narrative writing based on The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Whole Class Reading	Room 13
Maths	Algebra
Science	Light
History or Geography (we rotate units termly)	Planet Earth's major lines
Art or DT (we rotate units termly)	Food technology – making pizzas
Computing	Programming
Personal Development	Citizenship
Online safety	Privacy and security
Music	Ostina
RE	Creation and origin
PE – Games	Hockey
PE – gymnastics or dance	Dance

Summer 2

English	Narrative writing based on The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce continued.
Whole Class Reading	Room 13 continued
Maths	Measurement, ratio and proportion
Science	Electricity
History or Geography (we rotate units termly)	Planet Earth's major lines continued
Art or DT (we rotate units termly)	Sculpture
Computing	Understanding and sharing data
Personal Development	Citizenship
Online safety	Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle
Music	Ostina
RE	Reaction and origin
PE – Games	Quick cricket
PE – gymnastics or dance	Dance

Assessments this term: Our next testing week is w/c 3rd February. This will be carried out in class. Our next one after is scheduled for w/c 10th March. This one will be a mock-SATs week.

Y6 Key dates (please also see our calendar on the website)

Date	Event
14.01.25	Y6KB open morning 8:45am
15.01.25	Y6P open morning 8:45am
16.01.25	Y6W open morning 8:45am
20.01.25	Crucial Crew trip
5.3.25, 6.3.25	Book Fayre
6.3.25	World Book Day
25.3.25, 26.3.25	Parents' Evening
28.3.25	Break up for Easter Holidays and Dress Down Day

Home Learning

This half term, your child will be provided with three '10 Minute Test' revision books to help them recap their Key Stage 2 learning each week, alongside their regular Home Learning. These focus upon maths skills, reading comprehension and grammar, punctuation and spelling skills. They take the format of 'Ten Minute Tests', which will allow your child to revisit their learning in small chunks. While home learning is expected of children, the Ten-Minute Tests booklets are a voluntary additional task for children to complete at home. They were initially provided in 2022 as a response to parent feedback as families wanted to support children in revising their learning before Key Stage 2 assessments in May. You however, know your child best and it is important that you decide upon an appropriate level of time / expectation for your child. Please focus upon the expected Home Learning as a priority and only complete the additional revision if you feel your child can manage.

PPA

This year, the teaching team will have their planning, preparation and assessment time on alternate **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons**.

During this time, your child will be taught French, Music or R.E from our PPA teachers.

Miss McCready – French

Mrs Dawson – Music

Mrs Cooper– R.E

P.E Days

Class	PE Days
Y6KB	Mondays and Fridays
Y6P	Wednesdays and Fridays
Y6W	Wednesdays and Fridays

Secondary Ready

As it is their final year, we want to help the children to be 'secondary ready'. Please support them by putting the emphasis on the children to ensure they have the correct items for their school day (for example, homework and PE kits).

Your support and help

We love parent / carer helpers and this term, we are asking for some help with specific activities:

Y6W	Y6P	Y6KB
For our DT unit this half term, we will be making pizzas! We would love some parent helpers to come in and support with this. If you are able to help, please contact your child's teacher and they will provide you with further details and the dates.		
We will also be wanting parent helpers to support with SAT's week in May (12 th -16 th). Further information will be sent out regarding this closer to the time.		