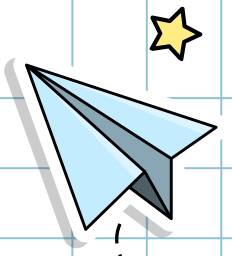


Back To School

CLASS NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 1 - 2025/26



Please don't hesitate to contact Miss Bell or Mrs Lister via Class Dojo if you have any questions regarding your child's learning journey. Thank you for your continued support!

Welcome back to Year 6

Our Curriculum

This half term in Year 6, our main focus will be SATs preparation. We will be consolidating key knowledge across all subjects to ensure pupils feel confident and secure in their learning.

Children will have regular opportunities to complete mock SATs papers, allowing them to become familiar with the format and expectations, while helping us identify areas where further support is needed. Teaching will include small, focused group activities to target specific skills, alongside fun and engaging tasks designed to keep learning positive and motivating. To further support the children, SATs after-school clubs will be running on Wednesdays and Thursdays, providing additional practice and guidance in a relaxed and supportive environment. It would be hugely beneficial to every child to attend these sessions.

Reading

Reading remains a vital part of learning in Year 6, and we strongly encourage all pupils to read at least five times a week as part of our school's 'Strive for 5' reading scheme. Regular reading helps children to develop fluency, expand vocabulary, improve comprehension skills and build the stamina needed for SATs and beyond. As the children are now in Year 6, they are - alongside yourselves - responsible for signing their reading records. Each entry should include the book title, pages read and a short comment explaining what they have read or understood.

All pupils have a free reader book that they have chosen themselves from the school library to encourage enjoyment and a love of reading, alongside an Accelerated Reader book. When they finish their Accelerated Reader book, children can complete a comprehension-based quiz and earn Dojo points as a reward for their effort.

Thank you for continuing to support reading at home - it truly makes a huge difference to children's confidence and progress.

Homework

Weekly homework will relate directly to the learning covered in class that week, helping children to consolidate key skills and knowledge. Homework will be handed out every Friday and should be returned the following Friday. Children who choose to hand their homework in early will be rewarded with extra Dojo points. Completing homework consistently supports the retention of learning, builds independence and helps children develop good study habits. It also plays an important role in preparing pupils for the increased expectations they will face at secondary school. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging children to complete their homework to the best of their ability.

Reminders

PE days - This half term, we will take part in PE sessions on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. The children will be working with Kwik Cricket Chris for the first 2 weeks then we will be focusing on striking and fielding games for the remainder of the term on Mondays. Reece will be working with the children on Thursdays developing their net and wall games skill with an emphasis on volleyball. Please send your child to school in their full PE kits on these days with appropriate footwear. Any jewellery must be removed or covered before coming to school too.

Snack - Snack for the half term is £5.00. This is payable daily (20p per day), weekly (£1 per week) or in full at the beginning of the half term. Please send all money into school in labelled envelopes (if you need an envelope, ask on the door and we can provide you with one.)

Dinners - Remember to pre-order children's school dinners on School Hub. For support with this, contact the school office. If your child is on packed lunches, please ensure all products are **banana and nut free** as we have confirmed allergies in school. Please try to order dinners alongside your child at home to ensure they like what has been ordered for them.

Uniform - Please ensure that your child comes to school in their correct Distington uniform with an appropriate jacket for break and lunch times. All uniform must be labelled with your child's name to prevent any mix-ups or anything going missing.

Empowering Learning

This half term, our focus is on becoming **Resourceful Thinkers**. We are encouraging children to always explore more than one possible solution to a problem, helping them to think flexibly and confidently when faced with challenges. Pupils are developing an awareness that solutions often depend on understanding other related issues and using prior knowledge effectively. We are also focusing on generating thoughtful questions that promote higher-order thinking and deepen understanding across the curriculum. Through a range of learning opportunities, children are being supported to adapt and apply their learning to new and unfamiliar situations, building independence and resilience as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

Don't miss out!

Please continue to regularly check our class and school DOJO pages for updates on your child's learning/education. Key dates and reminders will also be set on Class Dojo.

Further information about our class activities, curriculum and school life can be found on Class Dojo and our school website, which includes our Year 6 class page. Don't forget to check them out!

