

Welcome to Year 6!



What will my child be learning?

In Autumn term, our topic is North and South America. Year 6 will be learning all about the Amazon rainforest, deforestation and climate change.

Home learning mats can be found in the home learning diary and are added to the class page on the school website each half term, linking to the new topic.

Each year group also have Golden Opportunities which they will tick off as the year progresses. These can also be found in the home learning diaries alongside our Beechwood Golden Opportunities which children will tick off by the end of their time at Beechwood.

Year 6 Golden Opportunities

Beechwood Golden Opportunities

How can I support my child at home?

Spellings are sent home every Monday and children should practise these each night. They should bring completed spellings back on Friday for their spelling test.

Maths homework will be set weekly on a Thursday and is due back the following Thursday.

Children are asked to read at least 3 times a week and this should be recorded in their home learning diaries.

Please continue to practise times tables with your child- up to 12×12 , both multiplication and division facts.

Children can access TT Rock Stars and Bug Club from home.

Year 6 home learning grid



Who can I speak to?

Your child's teacher and teaching assistant will be available to speak to quickly on the playground in the morning and afternoon.

For any bigger queries or conversations, please speak to our office team and they can arrange a meeting or a phone call with your child's class teacher.

A member of our SLT will be available each morning on the school grounds.

Where can I find out about events in school?

Important dates will be sent out via the school newsletter.

Class pages are updated regularly on the school website showing photos and updates of what your children have been learning about in school. We also have an Awards page to celebrate certificate winners each week.

Texts are sent home via my school app so please make sure you are signed up to this.



What happens before and after school?

All children will wait on the playground accompanied by an adult (unless walking to school alone).

We ask that no ball games are played before or after school and children must not play on the adventure trail or climb on the walls, ensuring safety of pupils and adults.

Class teachers will come out to collect their class at 8:45/8:50am and children will line up.

At home time, classes will be brought out to the playground and teachers will allow them to leave when they see a parent/carer (unless walking home alone).

What do I need to do if I would like my child to walk home from school without an adult?

If you would like to provide permission for your child to walk home alone, please speak to our office team who will provide you with a form to sign.

Can my child cycle to school?

We encourage children to cycle and have areas where they can store their bikes however advise that children provide locks for their bikes. Bikes are stored at your own risk.

Bikes are not allowed to be ridden on school grounds.

What do I do if my child is being collected by someone else?

Please contact the office to inform us if someone other than a parent or carer is collecting your child that day. We are not allowed to let children leave without permission.

What can my child bring to school?

Children are asked to bring a water bottle into school each day. We ask that these contain water (no sugary drinks are allowed).

Children should bring their home learning diary to school each day- please record any home learning and reading completed at home in these. Teachers will check these weekly.

If your child walks to and from school they are allowed to bring a mobile phone but it must be handed to their class teacher during registration and this will be locked away safely in our school office until home time.

School visits!

School visits have been carefully planned to complement our school curriculum.

In year 6 we visit-
Herd Farm on residential
Leeds Art Gallery

More information will follow and you can pay this via parent pay. Please see the office team if you need any support with this.

We also have visits and workshops from-
Matthew Bellwood

The DEC- climate change workshop and migration workshop

Other opportunities

Steel pans

School Council

Eco club

After school club

Place to talk

My mental health rocks

Artis

Attendance

In order for your child to enjoy all that is on offer at Beechwood and to ensure that they make the excellent progress that we know they can, it is important that they are in school each day on time. We have many exciting attendance rewards.

Just a few from last year were:

Cinema vouchers

Slime

Bubble football

Statutory tests

SATs tests take place at the end of each Key Stage. Children will have taken the end of KS1 SATs in Year 2. The tests at the end of Year 6 test children on everything they have learnt in Maths, Reading and SPAG over Key Stage 2 (years 3, 4, 5 & 6).

The SATs scores are sent to high schools and children are placed in classes/sets based on these scores. High schools also liaise with Year 6 teachers to discuss children's attainment and overall behaviour and attitude to learning alongside these results.

KS2 SATs will take place Monday 13th May- Thursday 16th May (it is extremely important that your child attends each day!)

SPAG papers-

Punctuation and grammar paper

Spelling test

Reading paper-

The reading paper lasts for 1 hour and is broken into 3 different texts and sets of questions.

Maths papers-

The children sit an arithmetic paper (30 minutes) and 2 reasoning and problem solving papers (40 minutes each).

Have a look through some books from our previous Year 6 children and some past SATs tests to see all your children will be learning and achieving this year.

Feel free to ask any questions. Thank you for coming and helping us to support your child with journey in Year 6 😊