

Welcome to Year 6





Important Year

- Last year at primary school
- Transition year – preparation for secondary school
- A time to “grow” and blossom! Independence encouraged from the outset.

Children's dress code

- Children are expected to arrive at school each day smartly and appropriately dressed in school uniform with shirts tucked in at all times. Shorts may be worn during break times. Short skirts are not accepted.
- Children come to school on PE/Games days dressed in their PE kits. Kit is yellow or blue Oaklands t-shirt and navy shorts. Generally children are bare foot for PE in the hall but have trainers for outdoor games lessons and for walking to and from the hall. Tracksuits may be worn outside for games in cold weather. In the last half term, children will bring PE kits in to practise for secondary school.
- If children have pierced ears only small studs should be worn, but these must be removed or covered for PE lessons. No other jewellery except watches may be worn but these must be removed for PE. Also, long hair must be tied back for safety reasons. This applies to both boys and girls.



Responsibilities

- ✓ Sports and house captains for house points and sports day. Also for running the Inclusive sports day and other events.
- ✓ Door duties
- ✓ Monitor classes at wet lunchtimes and in assembly
- ✓ ICT during assembly
- ✓ Poppies and raffle ticket sales etc.
- ✓ Dinner hall monitors for beginning of new year with Year 3.
- ✓ Playground games
- ✓ Additional responsibilities

Personal Responsibilities

- Year 6 may bring in pencils and pencil cases.
- Year 6 may bring in phones but they must be switched off and not used on school property.
- We do not allow smart watches in school that can connect to the internet or take pictures.
- To make sure homework is completed to a good standard and given in on time.
- Need an Oaklands P.E. kit. PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Art overall (if desired).
- Clothing to be named please 😊.



Maths

Times Table practice tests will be every other Tuesday, with mental strategies on alternating weeks.

We begin with place value and calculations (4 operations). We then move on to fractions later in the Autumn term.

English

English topics will often be focused around a book or text. We start with The Watertower picture book.

Homework

- Homework task will be set weekly on Teams.
 - Spelling activity from grid handed out each Thursday, due in the following Tuesday.
 - Regular reading (5x per week minimum expectation)
- Times table activities are linked on the website:
<https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/helping-your-child-at-home-2/>

Reading - remains a priority and pleasure!

Children to read aloud to parents once a week.

Parents should check children's homework diaries and then sign them to say work has been done to the best of your child's ability.

Some of the topics planned for this year include:

- Geography
- Osmington Bay map work
- The effects of Climate Change
- Mountains
- History
- The Shang Dynasty
- WWII
- The Ancient Greeks
- Science
- Electricity (fairground rides)
- Animals and their habitats
- Light
- PSHE
- Summer term – SRE - conception, growth of the baby in the womb

Government testing

Only one aspect of year 6 work

- Try not to pressurise.
- We will prepare children but up to you if you want to do extra.
- Throughout the year, we will do past paper practise to make the children feel prepared for the tests. We will send these home once we have been through them in school.
- We will send tests home for children to find 5 more marks.
- Nearer the time, we will do an order of revision guides.



Secondary Schools

- Up to you to decide and apply. Process opens this Thursday 12th September. You must apply by Thursday 31st October.
- Open days/evenings soon. Please let us know if you are taking your child out.
- Offers will be given on Monday 3rd March.
- Selective schools have different entry criteria.



Any questions?



Osmington Bay

- Please bring in named purses and medication by Wednesday at the latest.
- If they have a travel sickness tablet, we need to know how far in advance they need to be taken and if we will give it to them on Monday morning.

Osmington Bay

- Come to school at usual time on Monday 16th September morning.
- Depart late morning.
- Stop at Avon Heath country park for lunch.
- Arrive at Osmington around 15:00.
- Settle in tour of site, unpack, dinner and evening activity.
- Depart for home as scheduled at 2.15 on Friday 20th September. Arrive at approximately 5pm. We will be in touch with changes!
- No news is good news! We will try to upload photos but this is time dependent. On Friday 27th September at 9am, the children will be presenting their highlights of the trip, which we would love you to join.



Any questions?