



Year 6

Information for parents



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Year 6 classes take their names from activists. Your children will be researching these inspirational people and the difference they have made to the lives of others..



Singh class- Mrs Dhadwal
Yousafzai class- Miss Aktar
Thunberg class- Mr Radmore and Mrs Murphy

Curriculum

- Each half term you will receive an overview outlining what your child will be learning in school.
- You may want to visit the library to research some of the topics we will be covering.

Maths - Place Value

- Understanding of place value up to 10,000,000
- Calculating with the four operations
- Using written and mental strategies

Computing

Computing Systems and Networks: Communication and Collaboration. In this unit learners explore how data is transferred over the internet.

RSHE - Relationships

Children will learn about the different types of relationships and their qualities.

PE

- Outdoor: Hockey
- Indoor: Gymnastics– body symmetry

Metacognition

Children will be learning a new skill and analysing the process.

Design & Technology - Mechanisms

Children design, make and evaluate a moving toy using CAMS, followers and axles.

Educational Visits

- Visit to local Gurdwara
- Visit to Junior Citizenship

Writing Text: Star of Fear, Star of Hope by Hoestlandt

Destination Reader Text: The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie

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English

Children will write their own flashback story from the character's perspective, describing their thoughts, feelings and narrative. Children will need to use a range of tenses in their writing.

Science - The Circulatory System

Children will learn about the transport role of the human circulatory system, its main parts and primary functions. They will learn about healthy lifestyle choices and the effects of harmful substances on the body.

History - What ever happened to the Benin Empire?

Children will explore Africa, past and present and will learn about the development of the slave trade.

Music

Children will take part in a wide range of practical, creative, and reflective musical activities. They will focus on harmony, texture, and structure.

Languages - When's your birthday?

Children will learn to be confident with numbers up to 80. They will revise classroom instructions and be able to say the date.

RE - What does it mean to be Sikh?

Children will learn about the life and teachings of Guru Nanak. They will explore the significance of some Sikh traditions.

Curriculum

- The overview will also include ideas for learning at home and places to visit to support the curriculum.

Ways in which you can support your child at home...

Below is a list of activities available on the websites we subscribe to as a school, for which your child has their own login and password. These activities have been selected for your child to complete this half term, as they support learning in class. There are also some other helpful websites which can be accessed for free.

LGFL

<http://sos.lgfl.org.uk/topic-menu.html?y=6>

Switched on Science

<http://mathsathome.lgfl.org.uk/>

Maths at home

<http://mitrw.lgfl.org.uk/index.html>

Maths in the real world

TT Rockstars

Children have access to times tables challenges to support fluency in multiplication and division facts.

Times Tables Rock Stars Maths fluency

SPaG.com English practice

MyMaths Maths learning

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zhnk7ty/revision/1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpvckqt/articles/z3n7mp3>

SPAG.com

<https://www.spag.com/>

Mymaths

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

Places to visit as a family:

To support your child's learning this half term, why not consider taking a trip to the Science museum or the British museum to support their learning about the Benin empire.

Reading

In Year 6, we expect the children to read for at least 30 minutes every day. Children should change their reading book when they have finished reading it and should ensure that they sign their reading record daily.

Educational visits

- Below are some of the visits we hope to take part in, others may be included. Further information will follow once dates are confirmed.

Term	Visit
Autumn	Gurdwara Junior Citizenship Event
Spring	The Globe
Summer	Southend Imperial War Museum

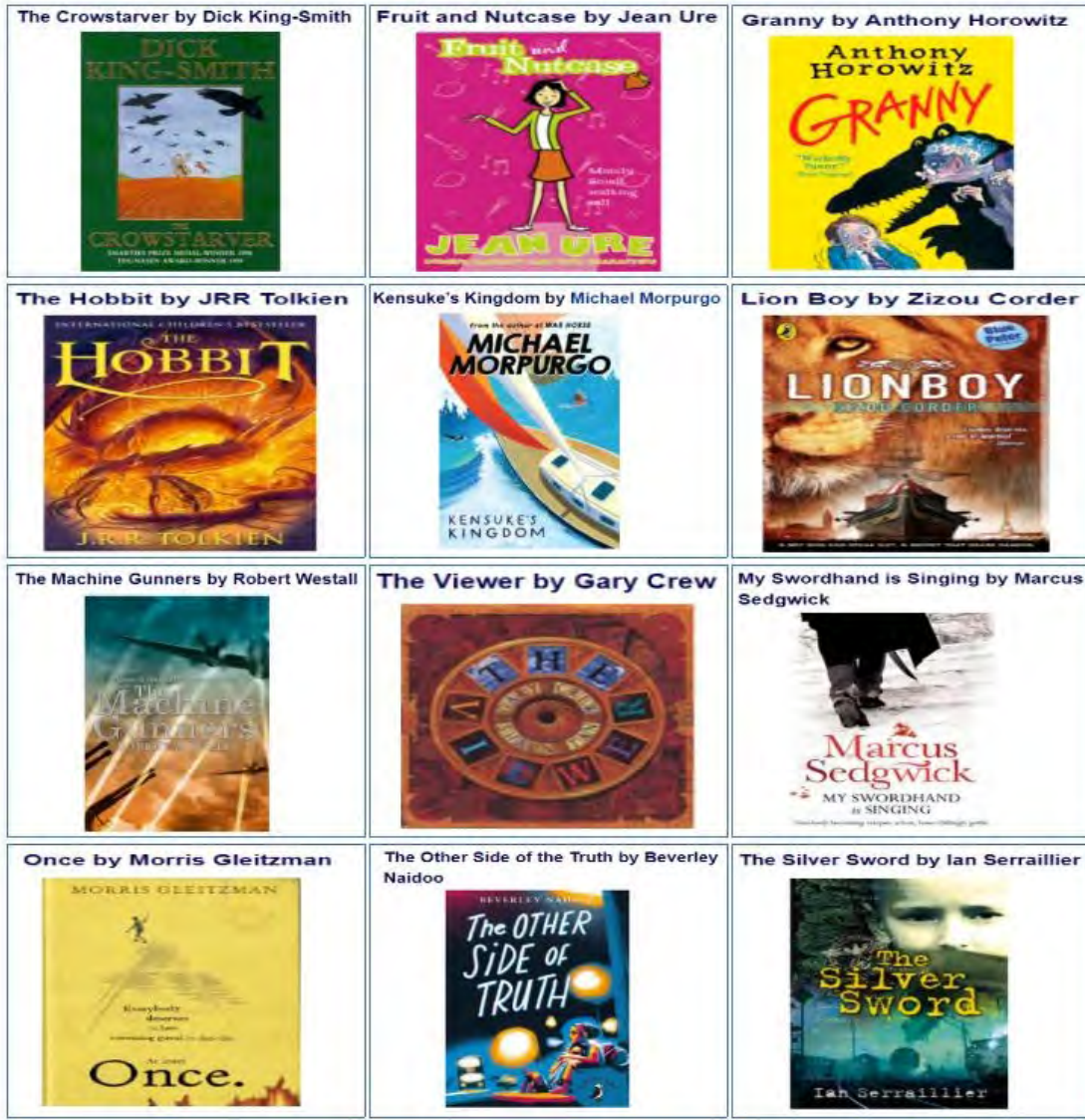
Reading expectations

It is vital that children read regularly at home so below are the expectations for this. We are very grateful for the support you give your children and we would ask that you continue as it is important we work together to continue to develop your children's enjoyment of reading as well as their comprehension skills.

- Children should read at home at least six times a week for 30 minutes.
- Once your child is a free reader, they can write in their reading record themselves. An adult must still sign it once a week.
- Children are responsible for changing their reading book when they have finished it.
- Reading records will be checked daily in school so please ensure that your child has read at home.



Reading at home



- Recommended reading lists can be found on the Mayespark website.
- Children will also visit the local library with their class each half term.
- You can also visit the library to access a broader variety of books for free.

Year 6 SATs

- ▶ At the end of Key Stage 2, in year 6, children are assessed in reading, maths, spelling, punctuation and grammar, as part of the statutory requirements set by the Government.
- ▶ This will be taking place the week beginning Monday 10th May 2027 to Thursday 13th May 2027.
- ▶ We will arrange a meeting with parents when a date is confirmed.

Secondary school transition

- ▶ Applications must be made online through the Redbridge Council website. Full guidance is given on the criteria for applications to schools. Please make sure that you apply by the final deadline as stated below.
- ▶ If you have questions about this process please ask at the school office and we will support you with this.
- The application process opened on 1 September 2026
- The deadline for online applications is 31 October 2026

Homework



Homework is set weekly.



Children will receive Maths and English homework, including spellings. Homework will be related to what has been taught in school that week.



Homework is set on Google Classroom on Friday through MyLogin.



Homework should be returned by the following Wednesday.



Spelling tests will be on Fridays.



Please contact your class teacher via the school office if you are experiencing difficulties accessing homework.

Uniform expectations



Requirements

Blouse/shirt/polo shirt	White
Jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece	Dark Green
Trousers / Skirt or pinafore dress	Black
Hijab	Black, Dark Green or white – not to be worn past shoulder length for safety
Shoes or trainers	Plain Black, with black laces and soles
Socks or Tights	Black, Grey or White
Summer Dress	Green and white check
PE T Shirt	White
PE Shorts or leggings (for indoor PE)	Black
PE jogging bottoms (for outdoor PE only)	Black
PE Jumper	Green school jumper, no hoodies or other jumpers are allowed
PE Plimsolls	Black

Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn for school. If children have pierced ears they should only wear small flush fitting studs. Unsuitable earrings and other jewellery will be removed and locked away for safe keeping for collection at the end of the day. Children may wear watches but must take full personal responsibility for them. During PE lessons any religious jewellery will have to be removed if it is considered a safety hazard.

Please ensure PE kits are worn to school on the days they have PE and all uniform has your child's name on it.

Communication

- ▶ Class teachers are always happy to help with any queries.
- ▶ Please contact the office via email or call to arrange an appointment.
- ▶ Translation is available for any parents who need this support.
- ▶ Parents' Evening dates will be available on the school calendar.
- ▶ Please remember to check your emails and look at the parent app regularly.

Phone: 02085992263 (*please leave a message and we will return your call out of teaching hours*)

EMAIL: office@mayespark.redbridge.sch.uk

We look forward to your support and cooperation in making this academic year a memorable and successful experience for your child.