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**Mingham Junior  
School**

# Year 6 Curriculum Letter

## Welcome to Year 6!

**Year 6 staff:**  
**Mr O'Connor** - Willow teacher  
**Mrs Emery** - Chestnut teacher

We are so excited to welcome you all back to year 6! It is so lovely to see everyone and we have already had so much fun in our new classes.

### English

To start off this term, the children will be writing non-chronological reports about a creature of their choice. This will begin with immersing ourselves in the planet of Pandora and finding out about the animals that live there. In our writing lessons, we will be concentrating on informing our reading audience using a range of effective writing techniques.

We're in the final stage of junior school life and it is important we read a range of fiction and non-fiction. There will be plenty of opportunity for children to visit our library and develop their reading skills ready for secondary school.

### Maths

The maths game levels up in year 6! We will cover all of the curriculum we have previously learnt plus the extra bits we need to know in order to be ready for secondary school. This term, in order to support our problem solving skills, we will be delving into place value and the real value of numbers. Additionally, we will be securing mental and written methods for all 4 operations.

As part of our problem solving, we will need to be able to work with fractions and decimals as well as converting between different units of measurement.

### Guided Reading

Throughout the autumn term, year 6 will be reading the picture book *Jemmy Button*, followed by *Stormbreaker* and *Holes*. In each unit, we will focus on the year 6 key skills, such as inference and compre-

hension through a variety of engaging tasks.

### Science

Over the term, we will be exploring light and answering our big question 'Why does my shadow change length?'. We will start by exploring how light travels and how it behaves when it hits an object. This will then lead into learning about how animals see before applying our understanding of light at the end with an investigation at the end of the half term.

### History and Geography

To kick start our geography topic, don't forget your gloves and scarves as we follow in the footsteps of Ernest Shackleton and head for Antarctica. What does this icy wasteland have to offer?

After half term, in history we will be exploring Ancient Greece. In particular, we will be investigating what made the Athenians such a strong army and learning about the legendary Battle of Marathon.

### Other foundation subjects

Our afternoons are the busiest time of the day; from animating our own cartoon characters to learning about our rights and responsibilities, there is something for everyone.

**Art:** Sculpture

**DT:** Food

**R.E:** Peace

**PDL:** Rights and respecting education and the law

**Music:** Listen2Me

**P.E.** Fitness/cricket with HCCC

**Computing:** Animated cartoon character GIF

### Home Learning

Home learning this term, will again consist of Times Table Rock Stars practise (2x10mins+) and mental calculation practise on Numbots (2x10mins+) Access to these sites are available through the following link:

<https://minghamjunior.co.uk/websites-for-learning>

Your children will also be asked to read at least 5 times a week. In encouraging children to take responsibility for their learning and to prepare them for secondary school, reading logs can be completed by children in year 6 themselves, rather than being signed by an adult.

Spellings are available online to practise if you visit the year 6 page of the website.

### A quick thank you...

We would like to say a really big thank you to all of our parents, carers and pupils for such a successful start to the term.

### Key Events & Dates for Year 6

**PE:** Mondays and Fridays  
**(P.E. kits to be kept in school)**

**Home learning due:** Thursday

**Home learning set:** Friday

**Meet the teachers:** Thursday 11th September

**Half term:** 27.10.25 – 31.10.25

**Parents' Evenings** 17.11.25 & 20.11.25

**INSET day:** 24.10.25

**School trip:** Willow 15.10.25

**School trip:** Chestnut 17.10.25

**Willow class assembly:** 21.11.25

**Individual photos:** 21.10.25

**Last day of term:** 19.12.25