

Welcome to Year 6



‘Meet the Teacher’
Monday 11th July 2022

The staff

▶ **Mrs Fisher**

▶ **Mrs Culver**

▶ Supporting Maths on Monday and Tuesday morning

▶ **Mrs Prescott and Mr Ramsden**

▶ Working across Year 5 and 6 supporting in all areas



**Thursday 1st September
2022**

*Applications for Secondary
Transfer open*

**Thursday 8th September
2022**

Kent Test Day

(for those who have applied)

Tuesday 18th October 2022

Kent Test Results to parents

Monday 31st October 2022

*Secondary Transfer
Applications close*

Wednesday 1st March 2023

National Offer Day

Key dates



**TERM 1 sessions
Every TUESDAY and FRIDAY**

Monday 5th December

Magistrates Workshop

**Monday 8th -Thursday 11th
May 2023**

KS2 SATs

Curriculum Coverage

- ▶ There is a copy of the curriculum coverage on the school website

<https://lenham.kent.sch.uk/our-classes/year-6/>

- ▶ The main curriculum projects are as follows;



Britain at War



Frozen Kingdom



Maafa



Homework -

► Maths and English

A school wide review of homework will be completed in preparation for the new academic year.

► Reading

Every child should read for 20 minutes every day. These reading sessions should be recorded in the Reading record and regularly signed by an adult.

► Spelling

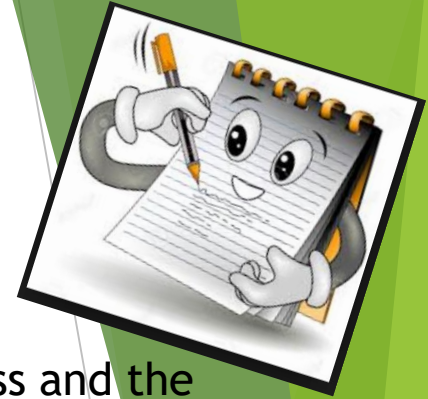
The learning weekly spellings is covered in school sessions. Spelling lists are available for parents on request.

► Times Tables

Maintaining good levels of recall is highly recommended to support the level of maths covered in Year 6.



Year 6 key information



Weekly News

It is really important that you keep up to date with events in class and the Weekly News is a key way of doing this. It is published on the class page on the school website every Friday. It will give details of any homework set and important dates.

Wellies

We try and use the field as much as possible across the year so a named pair of wellies is essential.

SAT preparation

We will be testing regularly during the year. This is intended to reduce exam stress in May as the children become familiar with the process.

School Trips

At either the end of Term 1 or the beginning of Term 2, we will be making a trip to a local venue to support our WW2 project. We aim to ensure the cost of the trip is a maximum of £20 per child. More details will be sent out at the start of Term 1.

Swimming

This is planned for Term and will take place every Friday afternoon.

Online Safety

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP (16+)

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2011 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- SCAMS** Transfers occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes, encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out, asking to type information (including payment details) or them into a chat of relative or friend representing a friend who is asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.
- DISAPPEARING MESSAGES** Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days. Photos and videos can also be set to disappear after the recipient has viewed them – so if your child has sent an inappropriate photo or video, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.
- ENABLING FAKE NEWS** WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In June 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous rumours and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The only admin feature gives the admin's given control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message. (The other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can also use an address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts with their current friends on a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are'. It is a useful tool for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a...

EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'Settings' in the chat.

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them on a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's...

Advice for Parents & Carers [CLICK HERE](#)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK (13+)

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-synching and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT (18) Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next means it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 pounds. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

TIKTOK FAME The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TikTok famous'. While most aspiring stars hoping to be the next big thing will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT** Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion.
- MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS** The default setting for all under 18+ accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution; it means only users who your child approves can...
- LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING** With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in...

A range of easy-to-read parent guides can be found on the school website.

<https://lenham.kent.sch.uk/parent-info/online-safety/>

Dismissal at the end of the school day

- During term 1, we will send home a yellow letter regarding walking home at the end of the school day.
- There is a section on the form about bringing in a mobile phone - these are kept in the office for safe keeping each day and must be turned off.
- Children will only be able to walk home at 3.15pm on the days indicated by parents on the form and during Terms 1 - 4 will still need to be collected at the end of after school clubs.



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LEARNING, BECAUSE
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TEACHING**
