



# Eccleston St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs J Birchall



4th September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Year 6 - your child's FINAL year at St Mary's School! I am delighted to be teaching in Year 6 again this year and have included some useful information for you outlining routines, expectations and how you can best support your child this year.

- 1) **PE** - PE will take place on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure full PE kits are sent into school at the beginning of each half term. Long hair must be tied back for PE.
- 2) **Forest School** - Forest School will take place on Thursday afternoon for the first 3 weeks of the autumn term. Please ensure the children have old, weather appropriate clothes, including old trainers, boots or wellies.
- 3) **Reading** - We have a wide selection of fantastic reading books in our class Library for your child to choose from. I cannot stress enough the importance of reading a wide variety of high-quality texts and I urge the children to read at every available opportunity, both in school and at home. Therefore, it is good practice for the children to always have their reading book with them. This year, as part of developing the children's growing independence, they will be expected to remember to bring their current book into school each morning as they will need it in school EVERY DAY. They will also need to remember to take it home to read every night. Please sign your child's reading record each time they read at home - I am recommending a minimum of 5 times per week, with a minimum of 15-20 minutes per session. Books can be changed as soon as they have been completed and as frequently as required. I have attached a list of recommended books that provide a good variety of high quality, age-appropriate literature for children in year 6. In addition, we will have a class 'Reading Scrapbook' that the children can choose to contribute to if they wish, as a way of recording, sharing, and recommending books they have enjoyed.



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4) **Homework** - Homework will be set each week on a Friday. All homework is non-negotiable and must be completed. Initially, homework will be as set out below:

- Reading at least five times per week (with an adult at least twice). Reading records will be checked weekly on a Thursday.
- Mathematical Facts learning such as multiplication tables or an assignment set on Maths Prodigy (username and password can be found inside your child's reading record).
- Spellings will be sent home in homework books for children to learn. Our spelling test will be on Thursday each week.
- Grammar - the children will work through a set of key grammar skills each week and return this to school each Thursday.
- An exciting research style Homework Project which will reflect a current topic that we are covering in class. Your child will have approximately 5 weeks to complete each Homework Project.

In the lead up to SATs, additional homework is set for maths and reading comprehension to provide the children with an extra 10 minutes practice per week (20 minutes in total).

5) **Seesaw** - If you connected to seesaw last year and still have access to your child's account, you do not need to do anything. However, if you still need to connect, please contact the school office to ask for a new QR code to be sent home.

Please note, all the equipment your child needs (pens, pencils etc.) is provided by school, so nothing is required from home. However, I know that some children look forward to using their own equipment in Y6, therefore, they can bring in one small pencil case and some stationery if they wish.

Year 6 is a very busy year and there is a lot of hard work ahead of us. However, there are also lots of exciting opportunities for the children to look forward to. We will get outside for frequent breaks at every possible opportunity, whatever the weather, therefore, please ensure that your child has a warm/waterproof coat, sun cream, sun hat etc. depending on the season. Water bottles are also essential every day to ensure the children stay hydrated.



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There is so much to look forward to in Year 6 and it's going to be a great year! If you have any queries or questions at all, please contact school. I am looking forward to a positive home - school partnership to help support your child throughout the year and would like to take this opportunity to thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours Sincerely,

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