

Homework, PE and Equipment

PE Days are **Thursday and Friday**

It is a good idea to have PE kit in school at all times.

Children need to wear a plain white t shirt, black shorts and trainers.

Jewellery

For reasons of safety, only stud earrings and watches may be worn by the children at school. In PE lessons all jewellery must be removed.

Equipment

Children do not need to bring their own equipment to school as everything they need is provided.

Homework

The expectation for Year 6 is that children read daily. They should read to an adult as often as possible and adults must record each reading session in the home/school record.

All children will have a homework book and the children are expected to look after it.

There is a term schedule which guides you through the activities to complete during the term. Please ensure the children complete the appropriate activity.

How you can help:

- ✓ Learning times tables is a key skill that will support your child at school
- ✓ Support your child to complete their homework
- ✓ Read on a regular basis

Year Six



Term 1 Newsletter



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Welcome

This year group booklet has been designed to answer many of the questions you may have about Briar Hill and the curriculum that your child is experiencing.

In Year 6 we expect all children to really begin to develop those independent thinking skills that will underpin the rest of the learning they will experience here at Briar Hill. We want the children to be inquisitive; we want the children to be challenged and we want the children to develop into amazing citizens of the future.

To do this we have created an UKS2 curriculum which is engaging, realistic, challenging, varied and most importantly relevant to the children and we aim to make links across subjects and to real life situations.

Independent reading is an important part of the children's learning, therefore, the children will be encouraged to self-manage the changing of books. 'Active Reading' sessions in school will be focused on supporting the children to learn effective strategies for comprehending the text on a deeper level, alongside the decoding of the text (the mechanics of reading). Comprehension is a huge part of developing the children into wide and enthusiastic readers.

The home-school relationship is vital to a successful year. Parents are most welcome at Briar Hill. You will have access to the Year 6 team at the beginning and the end of the day. We strongly believe in working in partnership and encourage parents and guardians to become involved in school life. We will be using Class Dojo to connect with parents and we can help set up any accounts and show you how useful the App can be. We will be providing a wide range of opportunities throughout the year which will include; parent evenings, workshops, special assemblies, wow events, productions and learning showcases.

We are very excited about the year ahead and look forward to celebrating your children's successes with you.

Term 1

The first term in year six is where children begin to prepare for their transition into secondary school. This preparation will be the constant thread that runs through the whole year. Children will begin to understand the expectations of secondary school and, of course, in term five they will sit their first set of national exams – SATs.

MATHS

Effective maths is the programme we follow and it is a programme that has contributed greatly to Briar Hill's undoubted success in recent years. In the first term, our focus will be place value and the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. These areas need to be secure, so any additional work undertaken at home will give a distinct advantage.

ENGLISH

Reading will be a key focus this year. Reading, as well as being an enjoyable activity, is also a life skill and will benefit children in all subject areas. Children are encouraged to read at home every night. Our writing in term 1 will be science fiction. Our model text will be 'The Roar'. By Emma Clayton. We focus on a thrilling short passage, which should result in some confidence building and dramatic writing. Spelling is tested in the SATs papers and again, children are encouraged to practice at home on a regular basis.

HISTORY

We begin with World War 1 – a big subject and one that always captures the imagination. We will look at the reasons behind the conflict, we will understand the impact it had on Europe and, we will debate the pros and cons of conscription.

SCIENCE

Our science this term will be chemistry.