

Brookland Junior School

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2026



'Kind, Respectful, Best'

English

Reading: The children are expected to read for at least fifteen/twenty minutes each day (a minimum of three times a week). Amongst others, we will cover British poets such as Lewis Carroll and Benjamin Zephaniah, Girls of Ink and Star (fiction) and Continents: South America (NF).



Handwriting: The children are encouraged to write in cursive joined handwriting at all times to enable them to meet the expected standard for the end of year 6.

Writing: The children will be consolidating and extending their spelling and grammar knowledge and writing in a range of registers, including writing to inform (Spiderwick) and writing advocacy poems to evoke action for looking after the planet.



Maths

During this term, Year 6 will be covering a range of topics including: ratio, fractions, decimals and percentages. They will be multiplying and dividing decimals, and consolidating their understanding of measurement.

To improve your child's confidence, they will benefit from completing the home-learning and practise of:

- Knowing their times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12 at speed (including division facts)
- Using place value understanding to apply their times tables knowledge in written methods
- Solving a broad range of reasoning questions

Science

The children will be learning about evolution and inheritance. They discover which characteristics are inherited and more about Darwin's work. After half term,



Geography

After half term, we will be learning about 'trade' - both nationally and internationally.



History We will be studying migration and specifically the legacy of the Windrush generation.

RE

In Year 6, we study Buddhism, Christianity and Humanism. This half term, we are considering why meditation and mindfulness are so central to Buddhism. After half term, the children are studying the Christian theme of 'Salvation' and the difference the resurrection makes to Christians.

PSHE +C

Our PSHE and Citizenship lessons will focus on 'Dreams and Goals'. Children will think about their near and future hopes, and the skills they need to develop in order to realise them.

Art

Our art unit will focus on drawing: expressing ideas through art. Children will look at the power of murals and how to scale up their drawings to cover larger surfaces.

Spanish

We will be learning all about 'El Colegio' and will rehearse sentences about school subjects and timetables.

Music

At school, we largely follow the Charanga music scheme and will be starting with 'You've Got a Friend in Me' in Spring term 1 as our focus.

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Home Learning

In addition to times table practice and the 3x weekly reading expectation, Year 6 will have weekly home learning set from their CGP books to consolidate their learning in class.



General Points

The children are expected to be organised and we encourage them to be independent whenever possible, i.e. remembering their equipment for each day. **Their reading book should also come in and out of school every day.** Please encourage them to place everything they need for school into their bag the evening before.



PE

PE lessons are on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. The units are Dance and Outdoor Adventure in Spring 1. Spring 2 is hockey and tennis. Please ensure the correct PE uniforms are worn into school on these days and appropriate footwear.

Please ensure that all long hair is tied up and that no nail varnish or jewellery (other than studded earrings) are worn to school.

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. We feel strongly that home and school need to work together to ensure the best outcomes for our children and we are here to support in any way that we can.

Please use the relevant class email in the first instance if possible. If you wish to meet with your class teacher, please try to arrange an after school session (and avoid Wednesday- staff meeting day!)

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our practical electricity unit involves
circuits, batteries and switches!

