

# What children need when:

Monday – Reading book and reading record

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Wednesday – Reading book and reading record

Thursday – Wear PE kit, reading book and reading record

Friday – Wear PE kit, reading book and reading record

Plus, a blue ballpoint pen (Biro), pencil, ruler, etc. You may wish to purchase your child their own protractor and pair of compasses but we do have them in school.



Please remove jewellery on PE days and make all long hair is tied up (boys and girls).

#### Homework

- 20-30 minutes reading per day, and aloud to an adult at least once a week to aid fluency and expression.
- Spelling Shed minimum 3 games per week for the set assignment.
- TTRS 25 minutes per week (subject to M-Pass achieved).
- CGP 10-minute workouts as set by the teacher for reading, and grammar (will be given a week to complete).
- Maths.co.uk homework tasks (10 minutes per week).
- Other homework such as research or completing unfinished tasks as required.



#### School Website / Newsletters

Please refer to the Eagles' class page where the weekly timetable is added along with other key information and useful documents such as: knowledge organisers (for subjects where they are available); 144 grids to practise if children wish to; and questions to support your child when reading.

The weekly newsletters contain key dates and other important information; please do read them to keep upto-date with what is happening in school, and share them with your children so they know too.



## Trips

We have 3 trips planned this year:

October 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> – workshop and visit to a solar farm (links to geography and science).

January 7<sup>th</sup> (TBC) – visit to Peterborough museum (links to science and history).

June 24<sup>th</sup> – Tower of London (day trip); we will travel by train and go to McDonald's for dinner too! (links to history and cultural capital)



#### KS2 SATS

- The 2026 end of KS2 SATs will take place week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May (Mon-Thurs).
- There are a total of 6 papers which are undertaken over 4 mornings, and do not exceed 1 hour per paper (except if your child is entitled to 25% extra time).
- Grammar and spelling (Mon), reading (Tues), arithmetic and reasoning paper 1 (Wed) and reasoning paper 2 (Thurs).
- These assessments are not Year 6 tests, but KS2 tests which are testing the children's learning from Year 3 to Year 6 so objectives from every year group will be assessed.



#### KS2 SATS

- If a child requires access arrangements such as a reader, scribe or extra time, this will be applied for by us, and has to meet a set of criteria to be granted. If we feel your child may benefit from this, we will liaise with you.
- We know you want to support your children but please do not use the following past papers as we use these in school to assess where the children are and what gaps, if any, they have in their learning: 2022, 2019, and 2018.
- Once mock SATs have been completed, we will send home their papers for you to see how your child is doing and for you to see how you can help where necessary.



#### KS2 SATS

- After the October mock SATs, we will determine targeted intervention groups and share the outcome of these assessments with you at parents' evening.
- More detailed information about SATs will be provided later in the year on the Eagles' Class Page.
- A free breakfast will be provided to children on each morning of the SATs assessments. This starts at 8am in The Lab and is always a highlight of the week as it helps to settle the children; usually this is what they remember more than sitting the tests!



## Other Assessments

- In addition to SATs, the children are also teacher-assessed in their writing; these are carried out each half term and typically span a week given the expectation on writing by Year 6. They are then submitted to Beds Borough at the end of June along with our science judgements.
- As Year 6 work to different, external deadlines to the rest of the school, our assessments do not always take place at the same time as them. Also, this enables other staff around school to assist with providing access arrangements.
- As well as standardised tests such as these, the children also complete assessments each half term in *every* foundation subject they do.

# Final Weeks of Year 6

- In the last few weeks of the year, we spend time preparing the all-important leavers' assembly (15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 13:45pm). This will now also include the hockey stick arch at the end of the school day.
- We will also sign shirts a date will be provided for when the children can bring them in (a week or two before we break up). Staff will sign them first before they are returned to children in the last week of term so their classmates and other friends in school can sign them too.



# Communication

We are always happy to talk to you about any questions or issues you may have. Please email me at:

#### ckaplan@sharnbrookprimary.beds.sch.uk

Emails sent outside of the school day may not always be picked up immediately, so please contact Reception if you wish to speak urgently with a member of staff who will be happy to find a member of the Year 6 team to assist you.

Interventions and meetings take place in classrooms before and after school so please go to Reception in the first instance should you require any assistance, or need to drop off forgotten items such as lunchboxes, PE kit, etc.



