

Homework:

At Oak Hill, all children are expected to complete basic skills homework for Reading, Spelling and Maths; this homework is compulsory. Homework will be set every Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday; as with the recent distance learning arrangements, the homework will be set and submitted via Google Classroom. It will be tracked and checked by the class teacher every week. This homework is designed to support and develop your child's basic reading, spelling and maths skills. Children who do not complete compulsory homework will be expected to catch up in their own time (during playtimes or lunchtimes). If your child would like to attend Homework Club, it will take place on Monday lunchtimes in a specified room.

Children are expected to read their Accelerated Reader book, ability appropriate, reading book every night. This is tracked by a quizzing system the children are very familiar with

There is also the opportunity for your child to complete Enrichment Homework, which will be project based and linked into the topic that they will be studying during that term. The Enrichment Homework projects are not compulsory but any homework completed will be rewarded by the class teacher and add to the engaging learning environment. Any children that complete all 6 will be rewarded.

Trips:

This year, all trips and enrichment opportunities will be subject to ongoing guidance provided by the Department for Education. The planned trips are below:

<i>Autumn</i>	<i>Natural History Museum</i>
<i>Spring</i>	<i>Bluebell Railway Manor Adventure</i>
<i>Summer</i>	<i>Thorpe Park</i>

SATs

The SATs are timetabled from Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May 2021; there will be a SATs meeting closer to the time which will provide you and your children with all the information you need.

Aspirations Ambassadors:

This year our School Parliament will be made up of our Aspirations Ambassadors. They will take part in weekly meetings and contribute to the running of the school, and will play a vital role in promoting Pupil Voice in school.

Thank you in advance for your support during Year 6; is it sure to be an exciting and busy year!



Oak Hill Academy
West London
an Aspirations Academy

Year 6

Parent Information Leaflet

Welcome to Year 6!

We hope this leaflet will help you find out more about Year 6 and the coming year ahead. We have very high expectations of the children in Year 6. We will be encouraging them to do their best in their learning and in their social interactions in the playground and around the school.

Our Year 6 Team:

Year 6 Team Leader – Mr George Ridgway
Year 6 Assistant Team Leader – Miss Caldwell
Year 6 Class Teachers – Mrs Berry, Miss Hitchell and Miss Moorshead
Year 6 Support Teacher – Mr Garcia and Miss Taliwanth
Year 6 Teaching Assistants - Miss Tan, Mrs Yattou and Miss Barnett

Behaviour:

To encourage children in Year 6 to make the right choices, we believe in positive praise. Our rewards are: Aspirations Points, Gotchas (at lunchtimes) and weekly achievement awards. Our sanctions are: a three point strike system.

Communication:

Our partnership with you is really important to us. Year 6 teachers are available at the gate at the end of each school day and appointments can be made at the office if you need to speak to us. In a bid to save the environment, we send all our letters via email. These include: Weekly Email Summary (a round-up of the week, celebrations and the week ahead), Half-termly Newsletters and any trip letters or information from the office. Please make sure the school has your email address.

The School Day:

School starts at 8.50am (Tuesday – Friday children can come in from 8.40am).
Year 6 Lunch is from 12.30pm – 1.20pm
Afternoon lessons finish at 3.15pm and we endeavour to be out of the building by 3:20pm.
All Year 6 children school enter and leave the school by the Branch Door.

Healthy Snacks:

Children are allowed to bring in fruit at playtime to have as their snack, along with a bottle of water (in an OHA school bottle). You can purchase these from the school office for £1.70. **We are a nut free school.**

Uniform:

At Oak Hill, we are very proud of our smart uniform. Please ensure your child has a named blazer, tie, white shirt, black trousers/Oak Hill skirt and black school shoes every day (Oak Hill Jumpers are optional). Earrings, nail varnish and jewellery are strictly prohibited. For PE, children are required to have an Oak Hill shirt in their house colour, joggers/leggings/shorts, trainers/plimsolls and a jumper/hoodie.

Writing:

During Year 6, children write for a variety of purposes and audiences. Through shared, modelled and independent writing, they are taught skills that enable them to improve the craft of writing and are encouraged to draft and revise work with a partner or the teacher. Children will also be taught specific spelling lessons in the afternoons, through which a fully cursive, joined handwriting style will be taught.

Curriculum:

Here at Oak Hill, we follow an Aspirations curriculum based on the three guiding principles and eight conditions. Our themes each half term are Belonging, Leadership and Responsibility, Curiosity and Creativity, Heroes, Spirit of Adventure and Fun and Excitement. These will be taught through a specific subject focus each half term. Our No Limits Assignments include:

Autumn 1 – Ring of Fire (Geography focus)
Autumn 2 – Shedding Some Light (Science focus)
Spring 1 – Britain at War (History focus)
Spring 2 – At the Heart of the Jungle (Science focus)
Summer 1 – Making Memories (Transition focus)
Summer 2 – All The World's A Stage (Creative Arts focus)
Please see the half-termly curriculum information letter for further details.

Reading:

During the course of the year, we will read a selection of texts including:

Autumn 1 – Burning Sunlight by Anthea Simmons
Autumn 2 – Clockwork by Phillip Pullman
Spring 1 – Carrie's War by Nina Bawden
Spring 2 – The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
Summer 1 – Go Big by Matthew Burton
Summer 2 – MacBeth by William Shakespeare

Maths:

The 'Mathematics Mastery' approach to teaching that we follow at Oak Hill allows children to build a deep conceptual understanding of concepts which will enable them to apply their learning to different situations with confidence. The aim is to eradicate the "Why do I need to know this?" aspect of Mathematics as pupils will see the benefit in relation to the real world. Children will be taught through the use of Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract approaches.

Great Reads:

Richard Adams- Watership Down
Joan Aiken- The James III Sequence
David Almond- Skellig
Neil Arksey- Playing on the Edge
Linda Aronson- Kelp

Specialism Day:

This day is fortnightly and includes Spanish, PE, Wellness and Music. Specialism day is on Tuesday.

Physical Education:

Year 6 children will need to wear their full PE kit to school for their allotted PE day.

Aspirations Ambassadors:

This year we will continue to run our popular School Parliament-a fun and exciting opportunity to develop leadership and responsibility. Children who are elected for this will take part in weekly meetings and contribute to the running of the school. Following on from last year, Environment Ambassadors will continue to keep our school looking beautiful and care for the environment including the school's Bio-Dome.