



Welcome to Year 6

at **South End**
Junior School

Class of
2022

Inspiring the Learning Journey

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A welcome for
parents and carers of
Y6 pupils

Welcome to Year 6

I am excited to be welcoming your children back to SEJ this September for what we hope to be a much calmer year! It is time to provide stability and routine for the children. Of course, there will be a mixture of emotions as children move up to new classes and teachers, and we will nurture those empathetically.

When moving to Year 6, the children are entering their last year in South End Junior's 'Upper Hub' and they are considered to be the ultimate role models for the rest of the school. It is our aim to equip the children with tools to further develop their independence as learners and skills for life, which they can apply to a variety of situations. As a year team, we endeavour to do this by providing exciting learning opportunities and having high expectations of the children in terms of behaviour and learning. Our experience strongly suggests that pupils who are hardworking, resilient and positive are successful and make vast strides of progress. This means we will be pushing each and every one of our 'Class of 2022' to be the best they can be, but in return, each and every member of our team will be working above and beyond to help them make it.

Through our creative 'Cornerstones' curriculum, much of the learning is planned and taught in an 'interwoven' way so that the children become more 'hooked' into the learning from the start through making meaningful connections. In response to the periods of school closure, we have needed to adapt our intended curriculum, but we will still be teaching a broad and balanced curriculum through our creative projects. You can find our intended curriculum overview for this year on the last page.

Throughout the year, staff in Year 6 will work very closely to ensure that all of the children get the most out of their time in Year 6 and leave SEJ 'secondary-ready', with happy memories and feeling proud of their achievements. We cannot express how important the home-school relationship is, and would like to emphasise the fact that you are always welcome to contact us if you have questions or concerns regarding your child or their learning. Your first port of call is your child's class teacher. You can arrange to speak to the teacher via the school office or by using the relevant email address below. If after talking with them you feel you need to address any matters further, please do contact me.

Mrs Gibbs (Y6 leader)	lgibbs@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk
Miss Ryan (Aristotle)	bryan@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk
Mr Carter (Galileo)	gcarter@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk
Miss Watt (Einstein)	kwatt@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk

I look forward to getting to know you and your children and celebrating their successes.

Mrs Lisa Gibbs

Assistant Head Teacher & Y6 Director of Learning

Meet the Year 6 team



Mrs Gibbs
Assistant Headteacher
& Director of
Learning Y6



Miss Ryan
Aristotle teacher



Mr Carter
Galileo teacher



Miss Watt
Einstein teacher



Mrs Fowler
Teaching assistant



Mrs Bromwich
Associate teacher



Miss Dean
Teaching assistant



Miss Bowditch
Teaching assistant



Mrs Twell
RE teacher



Mrs Webb
Music teacher



Mrs Bird
French teacher

PE

Pupils have two timetabled PE lessons per week and will also engage in 'Daily Mile' sessions. Pupils must bring a clean, full PE kit to school every Monday and will be instructed to take it home for washing every Friday. We will do PE outside as much as possible, and in most weathers, so please ensure your child has joggers and a sweatshirt/ hoodie in their PE bag alongside their shorts, t-shirt and trainers.

Jewellery

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

Year 6 Curriculum Overview

In response to the periods of school closure, we have adapted our planned curriculum with the aim to provide time to tackle any gaps in core skills but still deliver a broad and balanced curriculum that is compliant with the National Curriculum. Every day, pupils will have an English and a maths lesson that will be planned to cater for their exact needs at that moment in time plus supplementary short-burst sessions to further cater for reading, spelling, handwriting and times tables. In addition, all pupils will take part in science, PE, PSHE, computing, geography, history, RE, art, DT, music and French lessons. Where possible and beneficial, these subjects are taught through 'projects' to show connections and give purpose to the learning. Below are our planned curriculum projects for this academic year (subject to change in response to pupils' needs). We will send you a more detailed overview, including a knowledge organiser, as each project begins so that you are aware of what we are teaching and how you can support your child's learning.

Project 1: Blood Heart	Crimson, scarlet, burgundy, cherry. Blood flows through our bodies in all its vibrant shades of red. Let's explore our circulation system.
Project 2: Britain at War	Weaponry, warfare and the whys. The main causes of WWI and WWII and the legacy of these global conflicts.
Project 3: Frozen Kingdoms	Welcome to the planet's coldest lands. Vast wilds and hostile territories; incredibly beautiful, yet often deadly!
Project 4: Darwin's Delights	We're off on an exciting expedition with Charles Darwin and his crew on HMS Beagle.

Home learning

Home learning will be set every week for Year 6 pupils and those who participate will not only be rewarded through House Points and Merits, but will reap the benefits of regular practice and revision of skills that are needed across curriculum areas and in many walks of life:

- **Reading:** Your child should read on a daily basis for at least 30 minutes and record this in their reading record. Parents are asked to sign the reading record on a Sunday to confirm the reading home learning that has taken place that week.
- **Times tables:** For optimum progress, pupils should play on TT Rockstars for at least 3 minutes every day. This can be accessed at <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>. There is also a downloadable app for mobile devices. All pupils have a log on to TT Rockstars.
- **Spelling:** A set of statutory spelling words will be sent home every fortnight in your child's home learning spelling book so that they can practise them. This will normally be on a Thursday. They will also be able to practise these online using the Spelling Shed website (<https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/login>) and the log on details provided to them. These spellings will be tested 2 weeks after they are given out.
- **Arithmetic:** Every week, pupils will take home a piece of maths arithmetic learning to complete in their home learning book. These tasks will focus on skills from across Key Stage 2 and will always rehearse a skill that has been taught in school, with the aim of improving accuracy and speed. Should a pupil misplace their home learning, it will also be viewable on our Teams page.