



We are so impressed with how the children in Year 6 have returned to school. Now that we are back in the flow of class teaching in school, the following is a list of information to help with our Year 6 routines.

### **Communication**

Please continue to use [year6@barfordschool.org](mailto:year6@barfordschool.org) to communicate with us about your child. I will check it daily for urgent issues such as changes to child collection from school, and I will endeavour to acknowledge or respond to other matters within 48 hours. Please use the school admin email for any correspondence regarding school absences, appointments etc.

### **Spellings**

New spellings will be set on a **Friday** and tested on the following Friday. The spelling lists for the half-term are available on Google Classroom. Please encourage your child to use a range of strategies when learning their spellings.

### **Optional Additional Homework**

While children re-adjust to being in school full time, they are welcome to continue to access learning at home on:

- <https://www.spag.com/>
- [Mathletics Sign In](#)
- [Times Tables Rock Stars \(trockstars.com\)](https://www.trockstars.com/)

at their own pace. Additional homework will return after the Easter break.

### **Thorny Thursday**

Year 6 have a forest school session every **Thursday** afternoon. Please send your child in to school in full length appropriate trousers, waterproof coat and wellies (the latter of which can be left in school).

### **PE**

We have PE on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. Please can your child come to school in PE kit on these days. If they wear earrings please can these be removed before coming to school. Thank you.

### **Curriculum News**

For the rest of this term we will be continuing our Topic of 'Vicious Vikings' This will include: investigating the role of archaeologists by trying to find out about Viking home life from studying images of artefacts; creating a dragon's head for the prow of a Viking longboat; and exploring the attack on Lindisfarne.

### **English**

Over the next few weeks up to Easter we will be covering the following writing genres: first person recounts, non-fiction reporting and newspaper articles. We will also be continuing to explore the themes within our novel, Pig Heart Boy.

### **Maths**

The children have been working hard to master algebra and are now moving onto shape focussed tasks. We will be exploring area, perimeter and volume. Initially this will be through tasks that will give practise in these key skills, and then we will be moving onto reasoning problems where the children will apply this knowledge.

### **Books**

Please continue to encourage your child to read as much as possible. This is a great way to enhance their language and punctuation skills, as well as a pleasurable way to help them to relax after a busy day. If they would like to bring in a book of their own to read in school, please be aware that, due to covid, this will need to stay in school (rather than coming in and out each day).

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stock