

Curriculum Presentation Year 6

Mr Hardy 6H Mrs Kothary 6K

School Vision

Inspiring our children to dream big, be extraordinary and change the world

We are a Compass for Life school, where children set their 'North Star' about what they want to be when they are older. We support children on their learning journey with what they need to do to achieve their dreams. These skills and a growth mind-set are valuable and prepare them for life in school and beyond.

We have daily English sessions focusing on mastering the Year 6 curriculum in order for the children to feel confident when they move on to secondary school. For further details on the Year 6 curriculum, please see our school website: Year 6 - Ashfield Junior School

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English

- Our aim this year is to get children to the expected standard or greater depth in reading, writing and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar).
- To this end, we have daily English sessions focussing on mastering the Year 6 curriculum in order for them to feel confident when they move on to secondary school.

You can help your child by:

- Checking that they are reading and discussing the text with them.
- Encouraging them to read for longer in order to build reading stamina.
- Encouraging them to read more challenging texts and a wider range of genre.
- Watching/reading the news and discussing current affairs and events.

Reading

Choosing challenging texts and reading a range of genre.

- ▶ See recommended reading lists on the school website.
- ▶ Finishing the books they select is important
- ▶ We are reading and discussing class novels daily.

Reading to build reading stamina.

The aim:

- ▶ to be able to read for at least 20 minutes with no break
- ▶ to be able to read (with comprehension) about 20 pages in that time.
- ▶ We are reading in school for 10 minutes each day to support this.



Spelling

- Lessons are aimed at understanding spelling rules.
- ► The Year 3 /4 and Year 5/6 word lists are in children's spelling books it is important that the children can spell these words accurately.

<u>Homework</u>

- ► Children will generate rules and lists of words in their weekly spelling lesson.
- ► For homework, they will be given a task to complete related to the spelling rule for that week.
- ► Children will be informally tested on the words and spelling rules we have been exploring in class.

Maths

▶ We have daily Maths sessions focussing on mastering the Year 6 curriculum in order for them to feel confident when they move on to secondary school.

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► Children are currently working in class groups. We will complete a SATs test and stream into groups after half term.

You can help your child by:

- ▶ Revising multiplication and division facts for all the times tables up to 12x.
- ► Encouraging them to use Maths in real-life contexts eg. money, measure, time, etc
- ▶ Practising their mental maths through playing games involving numbers, e.g. Monopoly.
- Revising Maths facts e.g. time and measure using knowledge organiser on website

Computing

Computing systems, programming, data and networks

Art

► Collage, Self Portraits, Stencils

History

► Conflicts - WWI, WW2

Geography

▶ Biomes, South America, Fieldwork

Science

Classification, Evolution and Inheritance, Light, Electric Circuits, Animals including humans.

D&T

► Sewing, Bread making, Electronic Cards



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PE

- ► 6H and 6K both have PE with their class teacher on a Wednesday.
- ▶ 6H and 6K have PE with Mr Jones on a Friday.
- On PE days, children need to come to school in their PE kits.
 Long hair needs to be tied back, and all jewellery needs to be removed earrings need to be removed or covered with tape.

RE

► Islam, Christianity, Buddhism.

FRENCH

► Ma family, My home, Self-presentation, Language Tasters (German and Spanish), Cultural and Traditional Events- Lemon Festival and Bastille Day.

Homework

- ► We value your support in encouraging your child to complete core tasks. Even though the children are in Year 6, they cannot complete homework completely independently.
- ► Children have a home schedule in their homework diaries. They also have a copy of all passwords needed for websites such as TTRockstars.
- ▶ All homework has a week to be completed.
- ▶ Please encourage your child to develop a routine wherein they have a set space and time to complete homework (particularly with reading). These routines will help your child feel confident with the volume of homework in secondary school.

Homework

The children will be given up to 2½ hours of core learning tasks each week. Children will usually be given a week to complete each task. Tasks will usually be given according to this rota:

| Reading Homework | 60 minutes |
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| Maths | 60 minutes |
| Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar | 30 minutes |



If your child is struggling with his/her homework, then please make a note in their diary and encourage him/her to seek help from their teacher before the homework due date.



SATs Tests 2025

- ► The KS2 SATs tests have been timetabled from Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025
- ► Further information about the timetable will be sent out once this has been confirmed by the DfE

Expectations and Useful Information



Healthy snacks: Fresh fruit and vegetable snacks only.

Uniform

Winter uniform: grey trousers, dress or skirt and white shirt with a grey jumper/cardigan, Year 6 Ashfield tie

Summer uniform: yellow polo shirt with grey skirt, trousers or shorts, yellow summer dress

- ▶ P.E. Kit: Children should wear their P.E. kit to school on their P.E. days.
- ► Shoes: Children should have two pairs of shoes at school one black pair to be worn indoors and trainers for outdoor activities.
- Standard of homework (handwriting and presentation): Children should be writing in a BLUE handwriting pen in Year 6. These are available from the school office. Please ensure that written homework such as spelling homework are also completed in their BLUE handwriting pen.

School Values

- ▶ Respect
- ► Kindness
- ▶ Resilience
- ▶ Cooperation

Behaviour: Ashfield School Rules

All members of the school community are expected to:

- ► Show Respect
- ▶ Be Cooperative
- ▶ Be Kind
- ► Be Resilient
- Work Hard
- ▶ Be Safe

A copy of our school Behaviour Policy can be found on the school website: Policies - Ashfield Junior School

Recognising & Rewarding Good Behaviour

Positive behaviours and school values are recognised wherever possible and opportunities are taken to foster a sense of community through:

- Purposeful praise and encouragement from adults and peers
- Children's good work being displayed
- ► Weekly class discussion time during Snack & Chat
- ► Weekly Achievements Assemblies, Attendance & Punctuality Certificates
- Termly attendance certificates awards for 100% attendance & improved attendance
- House points (we have 4 houses Attenborough, Fiennes, Blackman, Storey)
- Individual certificates
- Fun activities planned by the class teacher in recognition of keeping our school rules: Show respect, be kind, be resilient, be cooperative, be safe and work hard

Consequences

At Ashfield, consequences are educational and relevant to the circumstances and type of behaviour. When a child displays behaviour which disrupts learning or makes a space unsafe for others, staff will:

- give a reminder of our school rules and values
- give a verbal warning with a reminder of consequences relevant to behaviour
- make opportunity for a child to work in a calm space elsewhere. This may be the separate space in the classroom or in an identified space elsewhere in the school
- give time for the child to calm down and then complete the 'Reflect, Repair & Restore' process
- Restrict freedoms and privileges to keep them / others safe e.g. missing some break time if another child has been physically hurt

Key Dates

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evening are held in the week before half term.

► Autumn Term 2024: Week of 21st October.

More details and sign-up information to follow

Open Classroom

Friday 13th December 8.50am to 9.30am or 2.30pm to 3.00pm.

More details and sign-up information to follow

Dates For This Term

- National Poetry Day (workshops and assembly) Wednesday 2nd October
- World Mental Health Day Thursday 10th October (wear yellow)
- ► INSET Day Friday 11th October
- ► Harvest assembly (Year 5 parents only)- Thursday 24th October at 2.15pm
- Winter Fair at Merry Hill Infants Saturday 30th November
- Christmas Play (Year 3 parents only) Week of 9th December.
- More information to follow.

Communication



- Arranging to see your child's class teacher:
 - after school for a quick chat if the issue is non-confidential
 - a note sent in with your child.
 - an email (<u>admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk</u>) to school office will be forwarded to the class teacher.
 - phone call to school office.

We will get back to you after school or staff meetings, but this may take up to 48 hours.

Please avoid after school on a Wednesday - this is staff meeting night.

After School Clubs (confirmed)

| Day | Club | Provider | Timing |
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| Monday | Netball Y3 – Y6 | The Elms | 3.30 – 4.30 |
| Tuesday | Football (1st hour) Y3 – Y6 | The Elms | 3.30 – 4.30 |
| Wednesday | Tennis Y3 - Y6 | The Elms | 3.30 – 4.30 |
| Thursday | Multi-sports | The Elms | 3.30 – 4.30 |



Please contact the Elms directly: info@elmssportinschools.co.uk

Other clubs may be available later in the year and more information will follow. Please collect children from the bottom gate after a club.

After School Clubs (continued)

- ▶ **Jam Coding** is on a Friday (3:20 4:20). Information to book is on the school website.
- ► Chess Club is on Monday and Wednesday (3:20 4:20). Information to book is on the school website.
- ► Art Club is on a Wednesday (Year 3 and Year 4) and a Thursday (Year 5 and Year 6) (3:20 4:20). Information to book is on the school website.
- ► Choir Club is on a Wednesday (3:25 4:10). Information to book is on the school website.
- ▶ Dance Club is on a Friday (3:20 4:00). Information to book is on the school website.
- ► MTT (Year 5 only) is on a Thursday (3:20 4:20). Information to book is on the school website.



Music Tuition



Teachers from the Hertfordshire Music Service provide lessons in the following instruments:

- Violin
- Woodwind (flute & clarinet)
- Cornet and brass instruments
- Piano
- Guitar

To book or find out more, go to the Ashfield website, choose the tab 'Parents' and then Music Lessons. There is a link here to Herts Music Service Music Lessons - Ashfield Junior School

Y4 will have cornet lessons held in school through the Wider Opportunities in Music Scheme

Mobile Phones

- A copy of our mobile phone policy can be found on the Ashfield Website (tab Parents then Policies) but here are the headlines for children's phones:
- While we recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many children, for most pupils, bringing a mobile phone to school is completely unnecessary. Mobile phones can prove a distraction in school and can provide a means of bullying or intimidating others. Therefore:
- Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones at school or on trips.
- If in the event of a parent wishing for his/her child to bring a mobile phone to school, the parent must complete and application form for mobile phone use and submit it to the school office in advance. We are a **SMARTPHONE FREE** school. We would like parents to support this by providing your child with a mobile that is **NOT a SMARTPHONE**.
- Permission will only be granted in special circumstances. A child walking independently from home to school and back does not constitute special circumstances. If however, a child travels a considerable distance alone and by public transport this may constitute special circumstances.
- The device must be a basic phone (not "smart") only capable of sending simple text messages or making phone calls and it must be handed in, switched off, to the phone box first thing in the morning and collected from them by the child at home time (the phone is left at the owner's own risk).
- Mobile phones brought to school without permission will be confiscated and parents will be expected to collect the phone from the school office at the end of the school day.