

What to expect in Year 6



*To love, serve and learn as Jesus
shows us*

The move into Year 6 can be a daunting time for some – but it really doesn't have to be. For many, being in Year 6 truly is the most memorable time. It is a key moment in your child's life; they will develop more independence, a huge amount of resilience and, most importantly, they should become very aware of who they are as both learners and as young adults. What can you expect in Year 6 and how can you help your child during this unique and special year?

What will my child learn?

As in all other year groups, Year 6 follow statutory learning set down by the government.

In both maths and English, there are a wide range of expectations for the children. For maths, this includes things like algebra, written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, using fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, the children are expected to understand how to use a full range of punctuation, to write with a wide variety of sentence structures, use powerful vocabulary, and have generally accurate spelling. These are just some of the expectations. We will use class texts in English which have been carefully chosen to engage the children in their learning and inspire their writing.

Children are assessed at the end of the year as to whether they have met the 'expected' national standard in English and maths.

We will also continue to develop our understanding in RE through our Come and See lessons. The children will enjoy the history, geography and science topics. They will learn in a wide range of subjects such as PE, art, design and technology, computing, music, Spanish and RSHE.

PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on these days.

Further information about all of our learning can be found on the Year 6 Teaching and Learning page on the St Vincent's website:
www.stvincentsprimary.org

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How can I help my child?

The most important thing is to continue to help with homework, reading, spellings and times tables. By the time your child begins Year 6, they should be able to recall all of the times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12. They should already know all of the Year 3/4 statutory spellings and some of the Y5/6 statutory spellings. The lists can be found in your child's diary.

Homework is now compulsory in Year 6 and it must be handed in on time every week. Homework will be set online on Teams or on paper, depending on the task. It will be set on Fridays to be handed in on Thursdays. Your child will learn that it is their own hard work and effort that matters, not someone else's. So, as parents and teachers, we aim to develop your child's independence, organisation, and self-motivation in time for the increased demands of high school.

Setting an example

Our Year 6 children set excellent example behaviour and attitudes. We also have high expectations with regards to school uniform. Please refer to the school website for guidance.

Keeping in touch

Please use and your child's School Diary for messages. Urgent messages can be passed on via the school office. If you have any questions or concerns, please do make an appointment to meet with the class teacher.

Moving on up

Some of our time in the summer term will be spent preparing for the move to high school. This may involve going to new schools, a visit from high school staff, or classroom activities. These experiences will help with any concerns or questions that your children might have. At the end of the summer term, we will plan a range of fun activities to celebrate your child's time at St Vincent's so that they leave us with some lovely memories of their primary school years.