



Walford Nursery & Primary School

Meet the Teacher
Year 6
2023-2024

Welcome to Year 6

- **Teacher:** Mrs Nicholls
- **Supported by:** Mrs Whyman
- **Mrs Jones** will provide consistent cover.
- Year 6 will have **Gymnastics on a Thursday.**

Drop Off and Pick Up Routines

- The school will continue with the following staggered timetable for drop off and pick up:

	Drop Off	Pick Up
Siblings in School	8.30am	3.15pm
Rest of School	8.35am	3.20pm

- Children are encouraged to arrive from 8.30am. There will be 'morning activities' to complete linked to our current learning.
- **School officially starts at 8.45am.**
Anyone arriving after this time will be registered as 'late'.

End of the Day

- At the end of the day, your child(ren) will be taken to the school playground for collection.
- **Please note: If your child(ren) are going to be collected by someone other than a parent or carer, you must inform the class teacher and/or the school office beforehand.**

Attendance

- From September 2022, the Government have updated Attendance guidance for schools.
- Walford Nursery & Primary School's attendance expectation is **100%**. All family holidays should be taken during published school holidays. **The school will not grant permission for any family holidays during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**
- If you need to take your child out of school during term time:
 - any absence **must be requested** as far in advance as possible;
 - never ask for time off during test periods unless for exceptional circumstances;
 - do not book tickets until you have sought the school's permission.

A copy of the school's Attendance Policy and the Request for Absence Form is available on the school website or from the school office.

Attendance

- **Exceptional circumstances** are defined as:
 - ❑ Forces Personnel on leave from a foreign posting;
 - ❑ exceptional significant family events or circumstances – these will be considered on an individual basis by the Headteacher.
- The Headteacher will consider every request detailed above individually but the following will not meet the criteria:
 - ❑ visiting relatives;
 - ❑ cheaper holidays in England and abroad;
 - ❑ family day trips;
 - ❑ visiting family / friends that have different half term holidays;
 - ❑ weddings and visits to see family abroad.
- Authorised officers have the discretion to issue a penalty notice without warning where the parent has chosen to take the child on leave during term time without authorisation, or evidence is subsequently found to suggest a child was away from school with the knowledge of the parent.

**Please consider your child's absence carefully
and contact the school if you have any queries.**

School Clubs

- There are a range of clubs (3.15pm-4.10pm) on offer and the Autumn list has been emailed to all parents / carers.

**Busy Book Club
Coding Club
Tennis Club
Art Club
Dance Club
Sewing Club
Homework Club
Marvellous Mathematicians Club
Sports Club**

- The school also provides:
 - Breakfast Club (7.45am - 8.30am)
 - After-School Club (3.15pm - 5.30pm)
- We require a minimum of 24 hour's notice for any Club booking.

Snacks and Drinks

- The Eco-Committee have suggested that in order to reduce plastic waste, all children should be encouraged to bring a healthy snack, e.g., fruit.
- Please ensure that your child has a bottle for water for the classroom each day.
An alternative drink may be included for lunch.
- Children have the opportunity to purchase a piece of toast (**20p per slice**) during morning playtime. Toast can be paid for in advance or children can bring money into school, as and when required.
- School lunches can be ordered by Parent Pay.

Year 6 Autumn Curriculum

- **Maths:** Calculating using knowledge of structures, multiples of 1,000, numbers up to 10,000,000 and drawing, composing and decomposing shapes.
- **English:** Narrative, Poetry and non-fiction writing
- **Science:** Light and the Human Circulatory System.
- **History:** World War Two
- **Geography:** Population Changes
- **Music:** Songs of World War Two
- **PE:** Mondays Dance with Miss Flower and the children will attend Five Acres Gymnasium on a Thursday.

More information can be found on the Year 6 Class Page on the school website.

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Year 6 Curriculum Map



WALFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
CURRICULUM MAP YEAR 6



Subject	Murderous Monarchs		Evolution and Inheritance		Legacy and Cultural Art	
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	Narrative: Adventure Story Kensuke's Kingdom	Non-fiction: Recount/Interview Letters from the Lighthouse	Narrative: Novel The Firework Maker's Daughter	Non-fiction: Non-chronological Report Charles Darwin	Narrative: Novel Hansel and Gretel Neil Gaiman	Non-fiction: Speech Greta Thunberg Non-fiction: Postcard from Prison
Mathematics	Calculating using Knowledge of structures Multiples of 1,000	Numbers up to 10,000,000 Drawing, composing and decomposing shapes	Multiplication and Division Area, Perimeter, Position and Direction	Fractions and Percentages Ratio and Proportion	Statistics Solving problems with two unknowns	Order of Operations Mean Average
Science	Light / Shadows The Human Eye	Animals including humans Healthy Diets / Circulatory System / Nutrient and Water Transport	Evolution and Inheritance	Electricity	Living things and their habitats - classification	
Computing	Computing systems and networks – Communication E-Safety	Creating media – 3D Modelling E-Safety	Programming – Creating and Developing Variables in games E-Safety	Creating Media – Web page creation E-Safety	Data and Information – Spreadsheets Programming – Sensing movement E-Safety	
History	World War Two		The Ancient Maya		Unheard Histories: Who should feature on the £10 bank note?	
Geography	Why does Population Change?		Where does our energy come from?		Fieldwork Study	
Music	Songs of WWII		Theme and Variations: Pop Art		Musical theatre – Leavers' Show Encore Music - TooTs	
Art	Painting and Mixed Media: Artist Study		Drawing: Make My Voice Heard		Craft and Design: Photo Opportunity	
DT	Electrical Systems: Steady Hand Game		Textiles: Waistcoats		Food: Come Dine with Me	
RE	U2.2 Creation and Science: conflicting or complimentary? U2.11 Why do some people believe in God and some people not?		U2.7 Why do Hindus want to be good? U2.5 What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save' people?		U2.6 For Christians, what kind of king is Jesus? U2.12 How does faith help people when life gets hard?	
PE	Gymnastics Dance		Yoga Dance Netball		Athletics Rounders Cricket	
PSHE	Being Me In My World	Celebrating Differences	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me Transition
French	At School	The Weekend	Healthy Lifestyles	Regular Verbs	Irregular Verbs	Vikings

***Learning and Enjoyment...
Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day!***

Homework

- Homework is given out on a **Thursday to be returned by the following Monday**, unless otherwise stated.
- It is important that children ensure the same effort is given to Homework, as they would, when working in class.
- If Homework is not completed, children will be encouraged to undertake this work during the school day. This will encourage good learning habits whilst providing practice for Secondary school. Please note, there is a Homework Club with Mrs Jones on a Thursday afternoon.
- Each week, Homework is usually alternated between English and Maths and will always be linked to our current learning.
- Children should also be encouraged to read and practise spellings and times tables each evening.

Subscriptions

- ◉ Sumdog
- ◉ Spelling Shed
- ◉ Times Tables Rock Stars
- ◉ Education City
- ◉ MyOn Reading Library

The children can access their log-in details on Showbie.

Showbie

Showbie is a program which allows children to upload, save and share their work in class and at home whilst also receiving interactive feedback from their teacher.

Everyone will be given a Showbie username and password and it is available on iPads, tablets and computers.

We will be using this regularly within lessons and for homework each week.

Showbie has proven to be a valuable communication tool during periods of remote home learning in order for children, parents/carers and teachers to keep in touch. The Showbie App includes a range of features which have been utilised by all:

- Messaging communication
- Sharing / Uploading work
- Instant feedback
- Voice Notes
- Video Uploads
- Class Discussions (Key Stage 2)
- Walford uses Showbie as a clear channel of communication between home and school.
- Teachers will set and mark homework via the Showbie App, on a weekly basis. Extra (optional) learning activities will be provided, where appropriate, in order to consolidate learning in school.
- Showbie is also used as then home-school link for **reading**. Every child will have a reading folder in their assignments where all reading and comments can be recorded on a nightly basis.
- There will also be a **general communication** folder where any important messages can be shared with class teachers. Class teachers will endeavour to respond to these messages as soon as possible. **It is important to remember that children will also be able to see these communications, so anything of a sensitive nature should be dealt with via telephone or email.**



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Showbie – Class 6



There is a new Class on Showbie so that you can all access Class 6. To join this class, follow these steps:

1. Log in to your current Showbie account.
2. Click on Classes.
3. Press the blue spanner icon or blue plus icon at the top.
4. Go to join a class and enter the code: **Y39WM**

Any problems or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on hnichollswalford@gmail.com

Read, Steady, Read...



- How many books can you read?
- More book lists if needed
- Book Swap Shop

Ready, Steady, Read in Year 6:



Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

Holes by Louis Sachar

Skellig by David Almond

Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce

A Whisper of Horses by Zillah Bethall

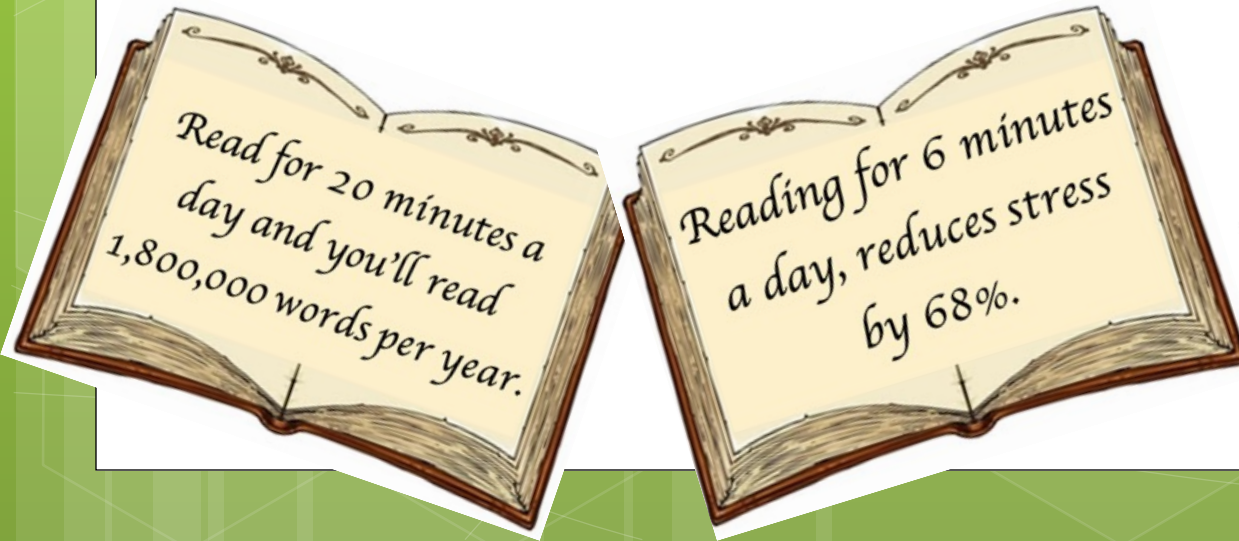
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr

Wonder by RJ Palacio

EREN by Simon Clark

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

The Fastest Boy in the World By Elizabeth Laird



Year 6 Responsibilities

- School Council
- Eco-Council
- Apple Ambassadors
- Prefects
- E-Safety Leaders
- Science Ambassadors
- Reading Ambassadors
- Buddies

‘Jumper Dumper’

- Year 6 have our own ‘Jumper Dumper’ box where all lost property will be placed.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing / shoes are clearly labelled with your child’s name!

Growth Mindset

At Walford Nursery & Primary School, we work hard to develop a growth mindset. Modifying our language in small ways can have a positive effect on how we think and what we subsequently achieve. The following language changes, in school and at home, would be a great starting point...

- *That's brilliant, becomes:*

That's interesting, what made you think in that way?

- *You're a genius, becomes:*

Tell me about it - how did you decide what to do?

- *Don't worry, I couldn't do it either, becomes:*

I'm sure if we look at it together, we can work out a solution.

- *That's too hard, becomes:*

Challenges are good because you know your brain is having to work hard.

- *Ask your mother / father because I was never any good at that, becomes:*

If you keep trying, I think you'll be able to do it.

- *I can't, becomes:*

I can't yet.

Learning Behaviours

- At Walford, we celebrate pupils who demonstrate a thirst for knowledge, understanding and a love of learning when being taught with all of their peers, whilst working on their own or in small groups. Positive learning behaviours impact significantly on the progress of every child within lessons. Pupils' attitudes to learning should therefore be of an equally high standard across all subjects.
- The following statements have been identified by the School Council and they created the Walford Learning Behaviour tree to reflect the 'learning behaviours' we should all work hard to develop.

Work hard

Achieve and improve

Learn from others

Focus

Open-mindedness

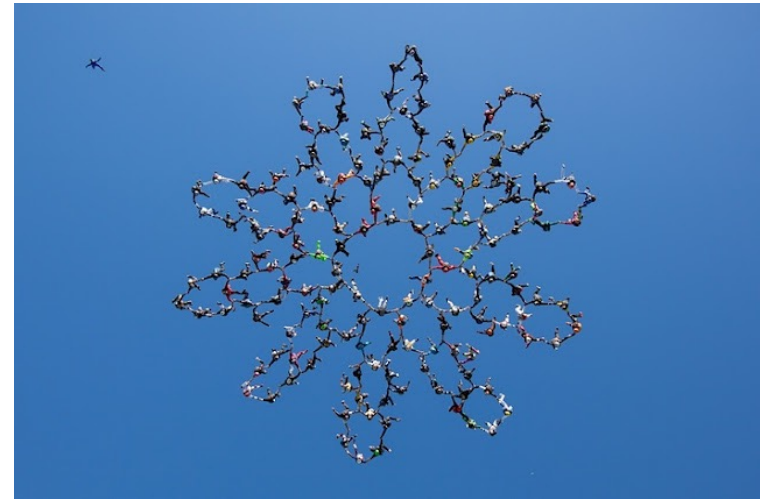
Resilience

Dream (aspirations—short and long-term)

Behaviour

- Walford Nursery & Primary is a caring and understanding school. We are committed to creating an environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of productive learning. Everyone is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and encourage others to do the same. Our Behaviour Policy echoes our core values with a strong emphasis on respectful behaviour, a partnership approach to managing poor conduct and dynamic interventions that support staff and children. We believe that considerate behaviour is an essential feature of school life and we share a common understanding of expectations between all members of our school community.
- Three is the magic number... Walford Nursery & Primary School have 3 Magic Rules:**
 - Ready
 - Respectful
 - Safe
- Please refer to the school's Behaviour Policy for further information.

No Outsiders



Key Events

- Five Acres Gym – Autumn 1
- Year 6 will enjoy lots of celebratory events in the Summer Term, including the Leavers' Bash and the Leavers' Show in July 2024.



Any questions?

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