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Friends of Tanfield Lea Community Primary School



Meetings take place termly to arrange our events – like our FB page to check for updates!

Welcome to Year 5.6

Key Staff:

Mr Patterson

Mr McIntosh

Mrs Ovington

Miss Bruce

Mr Ashman

Miss James

Care Value
Learn Value



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Our School Values.



Turn Up

Attendance at school is so important. We want you to turn up to school physically but also turn up with the right attitude, ready to learn.



Learn

We really want you to learn lots of new things in school.



Care

As well as learning new skills, we want the you to care about your progress, care about others and care about your community.



Persevere

We want you to develop a 'Growth Mindset' to keep going when facing difficulties so that in the end you can shine!



Shine

We want you to succeed, both in school work and as a young person. We will celebrate your successes and enjoy watching you develop from Pre-School through to Year 6 and beyond!

Reminders of daily life in school:

- *PE* will be with Mr Ashman. Children to come to school in their P.E. kits
- *Home-learning* is typically sent out on a **Wednesday** and **returned** on a **Monday**.
- *The organiser* contains the mathematical methods we use in school and a list of grammatical terms that may be used in Home-learning.
- Children collect 3 *reading comments* a week in their organisers. This is alongside Accelerated Reader.
- *Spellings* are handed out on a **Tuesday** and **tested** the following week on a **Monday**. We now focus on a whole class set of spelling rules.
- *Privilege time* on a **Friday** is up to 30 minutes of a chosen activity. Dependent on home learning, reading comments, behaviour in school. Children can sign up to one terms worth of a club-based activity (e.g. Chess, Science, art etc).
- *Opal* – Children will need wellies in school during winter months to use OPAL activities. (When rota allows)
- *Handwriting* – *We have weekly handwriting sessions which focus on joins and letter formations that the children are struggling with.*



Communication

The School's main method of communication is via email.

Please ensure that your email address is up to date.

If we need to contact you urgently, we will phone.

Communication: Arbor App

You will have already downloaded the free Arbor app and registered for an account.

Please ensure that if you change your email address or mobile number you let us know immediately, or update it via the Arbor app.

This system allows you access at any time to:

- receive messages from school
- make payments for dinner money;
- make payments for school visits etc;
- track how much you have paid/what is outstanding;
- view your child's records.



Swimming in Year 6



Year 6 will swim in the Autumn term to help more children be successful in leaving primary with this key life skill.

Some Year 6 pupils will receive ‘catch-up’ swimming lessons after SATs. These sessions will target pupils who are still learning to swim 25 meters competently.

“In England, swimming and water safety are statutory requirements within the PE National Curriculum. All schools must provide swimming instruction with a focus on ensuring pupils can swim at least 25 meters competently, use a range of strokes effectively, and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.”

Care value



Booster

- We are lucky enough to be able to provide extra sessions for Reading, Writing, Grammar and Maths all year long.
- We try to include as many children as possible in these groups.
- Please do not be worried if your child participates in booster. This can be to help them achieve the expected level, stay on-track or push towards greater depth.
- We try our best to make sure they don't miss whole lessons in other subjects. We will provide time to complete tasks on a morning so that are all exposed to key curriculum content.

What We Will Be Learning

Year Group - Y5/6 Cycle B Yearly Overview.

Term and Topic	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Ancient Greece	You're Hired Visit to Howtown / Grinton Visit by KP Snacks	Turning Points in British History (WW2)	Space	Disaster	Shakespeare



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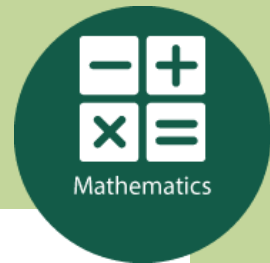
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Computing

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How we teach Maths

- We teach Maths in blocks which focus on a key area of maths. Sometimes these blocks can last for 3 weeks.
- This allows children time to get to grips with new and important skills as well as apply them to problems.
- We also **revisit** previously taught blocks to help the learning stick.
- **You can find all of the blocks in the 'curriculum' area of our website if you want to know what your child will be learning.**




Tanfield Lea Community Primary School - Maths Long Term Plan—Year 6—Autumn

Key skills	BIG MATHS	BIG MATHS	ARITHMETIC	Revisit Shape Y5	BIG MATHS	BIG MATHS	ARITHMETIC	REVISIT Rounding	BIG MATHS	BIG MATHS	ARITHMETIC	REVISIT Fractions	BIG MATHS	BIG MATHS	ARITHMETIC
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Number: Place Value		Number: Add and Subtract	Number: Multiplication		Number: Fractions			Geometry: Properties of Shape		Measurement: Area, Perimeter & Volume		Number: Ratio		Arithmetic (Residential)
	<p>Read, write, order and compare numbers to 10,000,000</p> <p>Rounding any whole number.</p> <p>Rounding to specific degrees of accuracy.</p> <p>To solve numbers and practical problems involving the above.</p>	<p>Rounding</p> <p>Rounding any whole number.</p> <p>Rounding to specific degrees of accuracy.</p> <p>To solve numbers and practical problems involving the above.</p>	<p>Addition & Subtraction</p> <p>Solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and</p>	<p>Multiply</p> <p>Multiply up to 4digit by a two-digit number.</p>	<p>Divide</p> <p>Divide numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit number.</p> <p>Use knowledge of the order of operations to carry out the 4 operations</p>	<p>Multiply and Divide Fractions</p> <p>Use common factors to simplify fractions.</p> <p>Multiply simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in simplest</p>	<p>Add and Subtract Fractions</p> <p>Add and subtract fractions with different denominators.</p>	<p>Add and Subtract Fractions</p> <p>Add and subtract fractions with different denominators <i>and mixed numbers using the concept of equivalent fractions.</i></p>	<p>Angles – Measure and Draw</p> <p>To measure angles.</p> <p>To draw angles.</p> <p>To draw 2-D shapes using given dimensions and angles.</p>	<p>Angles – Missing angles</p> <p>To recognise angles where they meet on a point, are on a straight line, or are vertically opposite, and find missing</p>	<p>Perimeter / Area</p> <p>Revisit perimeter and perimeter of compound shapes (Not a Y6 objective)</p> <p>Area of rectangular shapes here.</p>	<p>Area and volume</p> <p>Developing area (pre-Y6)</p> <p>Calculate the area of a triangles (and parallelograms).</p> <p>Calculate, estimate and compare vol-</p>	<p>Ratio</p> <p>Solve problems involving the relative size of 2 quantities where missing values can be found using integer multiplication and division facts.</p>	<p>Percentages of amounts</p> <p>Solve problems involving the calculation of percentages e.g. 15% of 360</p>	<p>Children in Year 6 will have the opportunity to spend one week as part of a residential visit.</p> <p>During the residential visit, children will be learning about the history of the school and the surrounding area.</p>




Big Maths - Total recall - Once a Week

- Rapid recall of times tables facts and simple addition is **essential** to mathematics. In Years 5 & 6 there are 72 facts we **must** know.
- Each week we have 100 seconds to answer as many as we can, aiming to beat our score each week.



BEAT THAT!



LEARN IT'S
Challenges!
ULTIMATE

Ultimate Challenge

Name: _____
Class: _____
Date: _____

$4 \times 4 =$	$7 + 8 =$	$7 \times 7 =$	$6 + 8 =$	$5 + 5 =$	$7 + 9 =$	$2 + 4 =$	$2 \times 5 =$
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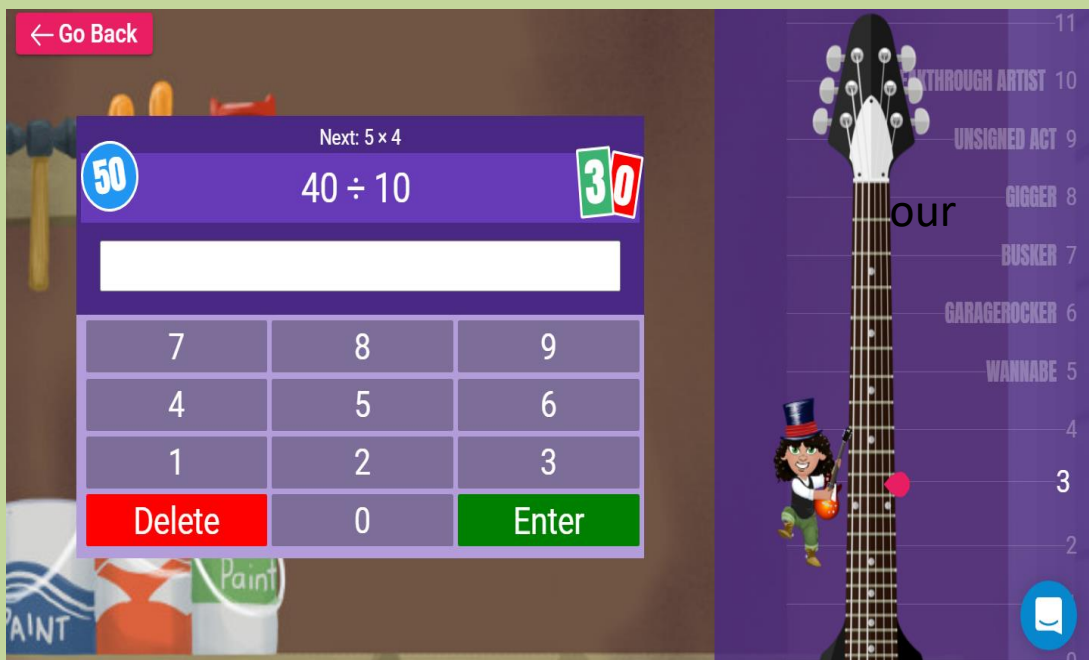
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Times Tables Rock-Stars – regular use is essential and a proven way to develop core Mathematical skills.

Please encourage your child to use Times Tables Rock Stars.

Times-tables knowledge is essential to the Arithmetic Paper



Some children will take part in a small times tables intervention group on a Tuesday (during assembly).

You may receive a letter in the Autumn term inviting your children to complete 10 minutes on a morning of TTRS.

This is to help develop times-tables knowledge and give the best start to Year 6.

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Arithmetic practice - 30 minutes - 36 questions

Ranging from more straight-forward to complex questions, we will regularly practise arithmetic questions in smaller chunks or by completing sample arithmetic papers. This is to help develop basic skills and prepare for SATs papers.

Year 5 children will also be moving on to the arithmetic papers.

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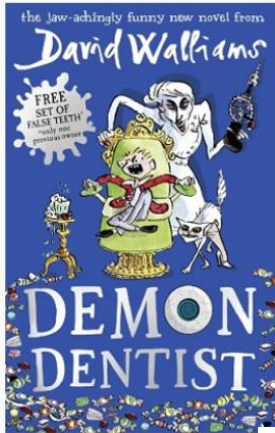
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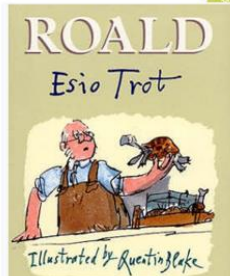
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Reading in Year 6

What does 20 minutes reading a day look like?



and



Questions 12–23 are about *My Circus Life* (pages 8–9)

12 When Vladik was still a child, he was so skilled that he was allowed to...

Tick one.

perform at the circus.

go to Monte Carlo.

give his parents advice.

join the cast of *Dralion*.

1 mark

13 What **two** skills did Vladik show a natural talent for as a child?

1. _____

2. _____

1 mark

My Circus Life

Interview by Kari Kamin



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What will most appeal to kids about this show?

For children, the clowns! The show itself, I'm sure the kids will love because there are a lot of acrobatics. There's a lot of movement. It's very colourful. It's an uplifting show. You leave feeling happy. There's always something going on onstage.

You've performed this character for many years, since 2006. How often does your routine in *Dralion* change?

I'm always changing it. This routine I've actually been doing for 14 years. Every time I look at it, I'm putting in a new trick or changing the choreography. It's constantly changing.



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1 mark

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1. _____
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1 mark

Throughout the year, the children will still complete weekly guided reading lessons.

These lessons will have a SATs style format.

Later in the year, the children will complete different sections of reading past papers.

There will also be a reading booster intervention session.

This is to ensure that the children are as confident as they could be before taking the reading paper.

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Accelerated Reader

- Accelerated Reader is a key and regular part of our school day.
- Children are given time to read independently each day and access to computers and ipads to complete quizzes once they have finished a book.
- Children have a **target of reading for 20mins per day** and aiming for **80% or higher on quizzes**.
- All children have a ZPD to help them achieve this which helps them to choose books that are challenging enough to help them develop without being too demanding.
- Children are given feedback each week to help them work towards their reading targets.

Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)

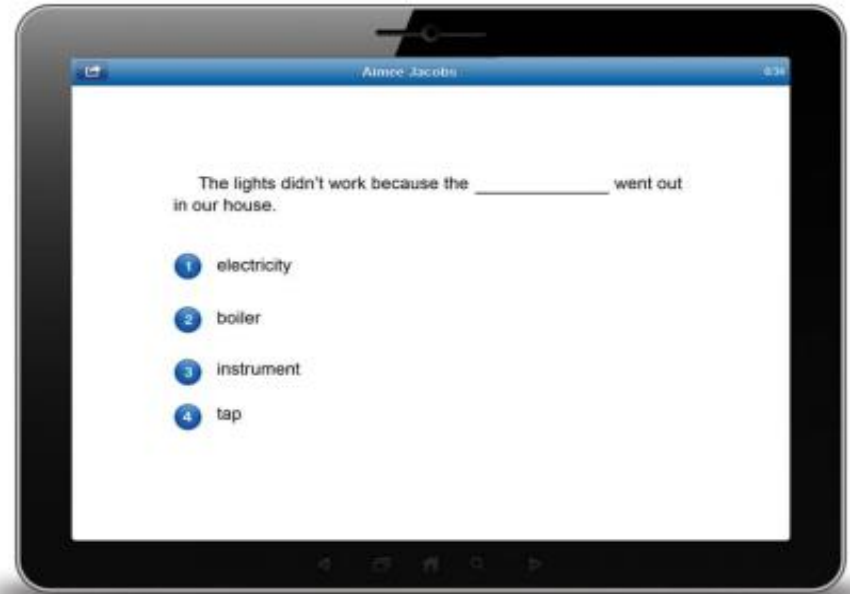
A range of book levels recommended for each student based on their reading ability
The student has free rein to choose books from within their entire ZPD range



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Star Reading

- 20 minute computer-adaptive test used to assess reading ability.
- Tracks reading growth.
- Provides students with a personalised reading range called the ZPD, and teachers with data to monitor student progress.



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- Your child has done a test, which has given them a ZPD (a Reading Range e.g. 2.5 – 3.1)

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Accelerated Reader Quizzes

- Children access quizzes through the AR website.
- There is a quick link on the school website under Children.



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AR Reading targets. – Template

On target – Keep it up! (20mins + a day and more than 80%) accuracy

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Target: Read for longer (less than 20mins a day) – **Show me Reading Comments.**

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Target: Try a book that is easier to understand (ZPD needs to be lower)

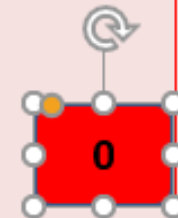
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Target: Read more and lower zpd!
Show me Reading Comments.

Target: **FINISH A BOOK!**

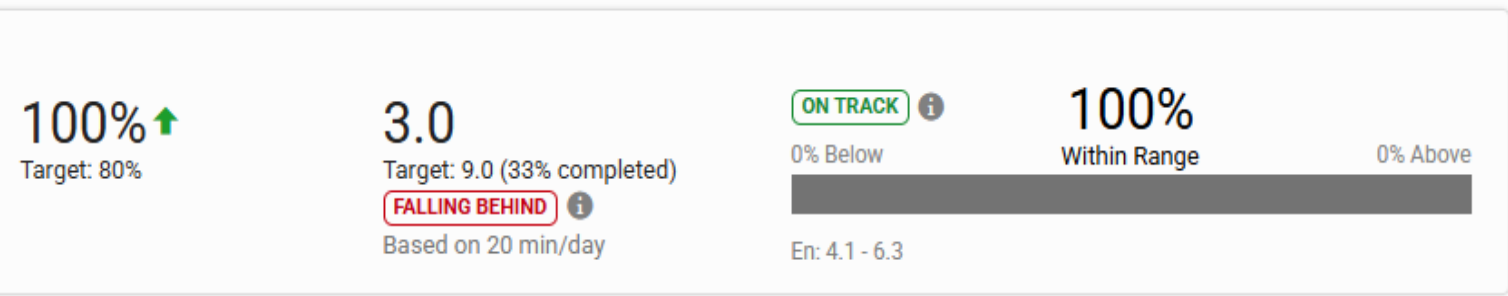
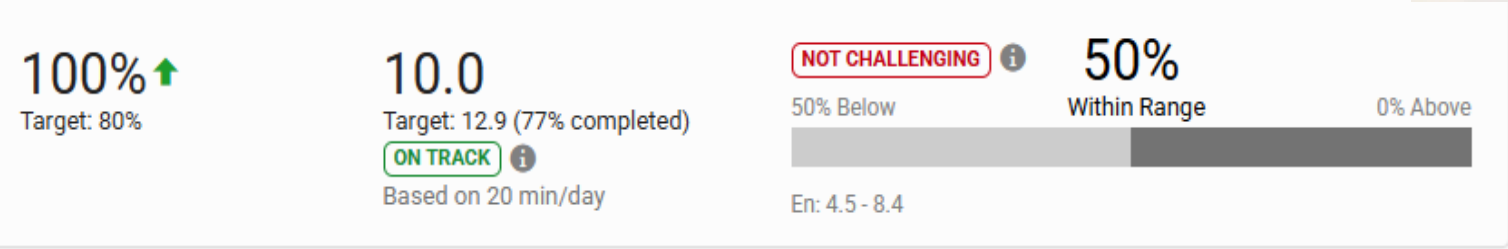
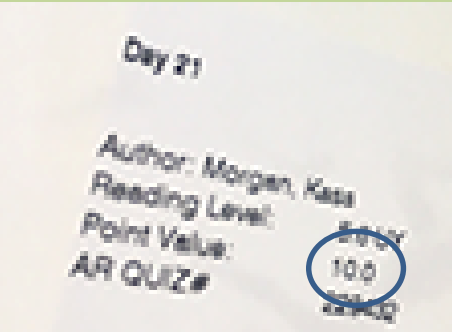
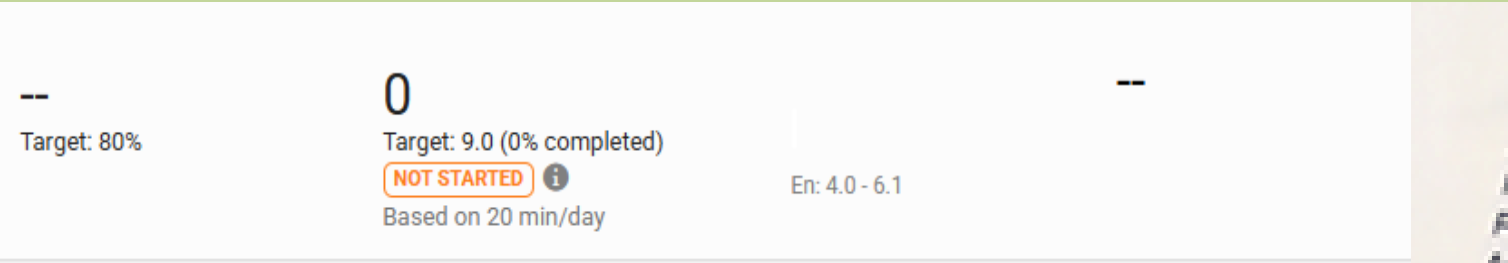
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Tracking AR

A way for your child to track or aim for their 20 minutes a day reading target is to check the points total of the books they are reading.

- At the beginning of the term, the children will receive a points target (links to their most recent STAR reading ZPD). **It is personalised to your child.**
- As the term goes on this is the data that teachers see and share with the class.



What the children see to help them to track their progress.

My Targets

My Certifications

My Completed Work

You can do it! Keep up the hard work.

Earn 2.7 points to help meet your target.

Marking Period

Summer 2

1 June 2026

17 July 2026

Points

[What Does This Mean?](#)



Overall Quiz Scores

[What Does This Mean?](#)



My Reading Range: 4.2 - 6.4

Great job reading books that are correct for you!

[Find More Books to Read](#)

My target is to be at 80% or higher

QUIZZES PASSED

1

WORDS READ

10,866



How you can help with reading?

- Continue to support your child with his / her reading.
- Encourage children to maintain 20 minutes a day through allocating a little time to reading at home (In Year 6 this may be your child reading independently rather than reading to an adult).
- Talk about their books and their quizzes.
- Support the AR section of our library (donations of unwanted books are always welcome.)

Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)

A range of book levels recommended for each student based on their reading ability
The student has free rein to choose books from within their entire ZPD range



Reading Comments (checked on a Friday)

Reading can be completed by:

- reading to a carer
- reading for others
- reading quietly on their own



weekly reading record		
To help you become a fluent reader and to increase your knowledge, as well as your enjoyment, you need to read at home most nights. In addition to this you must have an adult to hear you read at least three times a week and get them to complete this record.		
Week beginning: 2 nd September 2014		
1	1/9 Best Friends	7-28
2	3/9 Reach for the Stars	
3	4/9 Read Kindle	
Other comments		
Week beginning: 8 th September 2014		
1	9/9 BEST FRIENDS	
2	10/9 BEST FRIENDS	
3	11/9 BEST FRIENDS	
Other comments Very Good Reading!		
Week beginning: 15 th September 2014		
1		
2		
3		
Other comments		

For the last point, carers could ask a few questions about what the children have read.

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Weekly spellings are based on the Year 5 / 6 word list and common spelling rules

New Curriculum Spelling List Years 5 and 6



accommodate	communicate	equip	immediately	physical	sincerely
accompany	community	equipped	individual	prejudice	soldier
according	competition	equipment	interfere	privilege	stomach
achieve	conscience	especially	interrupt	profession	sufficient
aggressive	conscious	exaggerate	language	programme	suggest
amateur	controversy	excellent	leisure	pronunciation	symbol
ancient	convenience	existence	lightning	queue	system
apparent	correspond	explanation	marvellous	recognise	temperature
appreciate	criticise	familiar	mischievous	recommend	thorough
attached	curiosity	foreign	muscle	relevant	twelfth
available	definite	forty	necessary	restaurant	variety
average	desperate	frequently	neighbour	rhyme	vegetable
awkward	determined	government	nuisance	rhythm	vehicle
bargain	develop	guarantee	occupy	sacrifice	yacht
bruise	dictionary	harass	occur	secretary	
category	disastrous	hindrance	opportunity	shoulder	
cemetery	embarrass	identity	parliament	sincere	
committee	environment	immediate	persuade		

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sincere



New Handwriting Scheme

In 2024-25, we will use a new Handwriting Scheme for Years 3 – 6 to teach the letter joins. Focussed teaching sessions will take place in school from Wednesday to Friday on this.

Year 5 and 6 will join the scheme at Join 3 and 4.

Join 3

Week 26 fi fr fu fy fa fe fo

Week 27 oi om on op or ou ov ow oy

Week 28 oa oc od oe og oo os ox

Week 29 ri rm rn rp rr ru ry

Week 30 ra re ro rs

Week 31 vi vu vy va ve vo

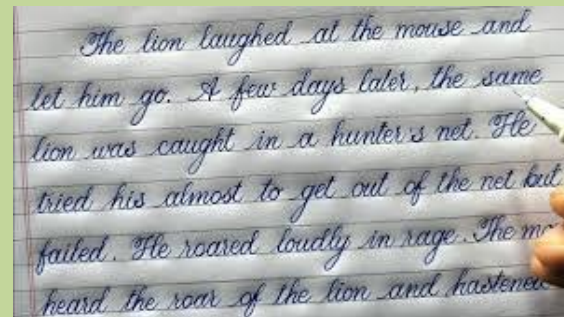
Week 32 wi wr wu wa wd we wo ws

Join 4

Week 33 ob of ok ol ot

Week 34 rb rf rh rk rl rt

Week 35 wh wk wt



The letter formation will be shown in the organiser.

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PARENT INFORMATION AUTUMN TERM UPDATE

Child's Name:	NEEDS FURTHER DEVELOPING	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	OUTSTANDING
Attitude to learning	Shows some interest in lessons	Shows interest in lessons	Shows additional interest – consistently makes links to experiences and goes and finds out more
Attitude to presentation of work	Work is not consistently well presented	Work is consistently well presented	Work is consistently very neat, or has made extra effort with presentation
Attitude to home learning	Doesn't complete all home learning or reading comments	Completes home learning/reading comments	Completes home learning/reading comments, including extra such as TTRS/Mathletics/additional challenges
Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Can be distracted- Frequent loss of PT/reminders about behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Focuses on the teacher and own learning-Occasional loss of PT/some reminders about behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Always engaged-No loss of PT/Very few reminders from teachers about behaviour

Child's Name:	NEEDS FURTHER DEVELOPING	MEETS EXPECTATIONS	OUTSTANDING
Use of initiative	Often needs support/prompting	Completes age-appropriate tasks by themselves	Is pro-active at finding solutions and takes responsibility for their own learning
Participation in class	Reluctant to contribute to questions	Contributes answers and ideas	Always engaged and frequently makes contributions which further develop everyone's learning
Co-operation with others	Needs support to interact positively with others	Interacts positively with others	Interacts positively and supports others, including those beyond their friendship group

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OPAL- Outdoor and Adventurous play

Children spend 20% of their time at school playing. With this mind, at Tanfield Lea Community Primary School, we believe that play is a fundamental part of childhood, enriching children's learning, development, and well-being. That's why we are proud to be an OPAL school. We are even prouder that we were recently awarded the Platinum School Award for the second time!

This illustrates the excellent provision that the children have access to at a lunch time.

During lunchtime children can access many different areas across the school grounds including :-Digging areas, water play zones, planting areas, cosy cottage, sports zones, dress up, music areas, monkey bars, slides, swings, log play, sand pit, bikes and scooters as well as having ccess to many loose parts to play creatively or build dens.



We ask that all children bring wellies into school.

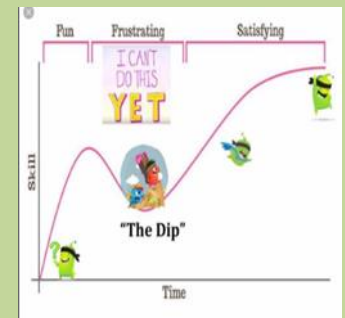
It does mean that sometimes we may come home a little dirtier than usual.

This probably means we've had a great time.

Donations of toys, scooters, cushions, pots and pans, sheets are always welcome!

Praise and Recognition

- **Success Cards**
 - Recognising consistency, resilience, growth mindset, progress, behaviour, commitment, being a good citizen
 - Collecting countries, beginning with the United Kingdom
 - Recognised in Assembly and with a follow up postcard
- **Hot Chocolate Reward Plus team points, stickers...**



Shine Value



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Growth Mindset



I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
I want to challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
Tell me I try hard.
If you succeed, I'm inspired.
My effort and attitude determine everything.



I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I don't like to be challenged.
When I fail, I'm no good.
Tell me I'm smart.
If you succeed, I feel threatened.
My abilities determine everything.

Persevere Value



Attendance



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**Punctuality is important.
Late arrivals can affect attendance.**

It is really important that your child attends school and arrives promptly for registration between 8:40am-8.50am.



Turn Up Value



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SATS - End of Key Stage 2 tests in English and Maths (More in separate Y6 meeting in the spring)

- KS2 Sats are scheduled to resume this academic year and will take place in May 2027. May 10th - 14th- Please don't make appointments during this week!
- Mon - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling - (2 papers - 20 spellings / 50 marks for Grammar and Punctuation)
- Tues - Reading (1 paper - 50 marks)
- Weds - Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic - 40marks), Paper 2 (Reasoning - 35 marks)
- Thursday - Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) - 35 marks)

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Sporting Competition Opportunities:

As a school we have bought into the **Durham and Chester-Le-Street School Sports Partnership**, who provide our school with the opportunity to participate in lots of different events and festivals throughout the year. Please note, the Government is currently reviewing the way schools access funding for competitions. ***The funding is in place until at least Easter 2027.***



Our aims are:

- **Every child gets involved** – All pupils in our school will take part in at least one sports festival during the year, giving everyone the chance to represent the school and enjoy a special sporting event.
- **Wide range of competitions** – From Year 3 to Year 6, we enter a variety of local competitions for children who are ready for a more competitive experience. ***The majority of competitions are in Year 5 and 6.***
- **Pupil choice in UKS2 (Year 5 & 6)** – Children will be asked to choose *two sporting competitions that they would most like to represent the school in.* ***We will try our best to ensure they represent the school by the time they finish Year 6.***
- Some events will require us to hold trials, during PE lessons, and the child with the best score will be chosen.
- **Inclusive approach** – Our aim is simple: if a child wants to represent Tanfield Lea, we want to give them that opportunity at least once during their time in school.
- **Positive role models** – Selection for events is also linked to good behaviour, a positive attitude, and minimal loss of privilege time, ensuring all pupils represent the school in the best possible way.

Any questions?



Tanfield Lea Community Primary
are excited

to share the news that we are

EXTENDING OUR PRE-SCHOOL

to offer **two year old places.**

Our Pre-School is an **engaging learning environment** offering children the opportunities to **grow and develop** in a nurturing, caring and loving environment providing the best **strong foundations.**



We have places available for

2 year old children

3 year old children

4 year old children



Please call to arrange a visit on

01207234500

Meet the Head Teacher

After the session, Mr Temple and Mrs Sparkes (PSHE) will hold a short information session at 4.30pm in the Lower School Hall.

The topic is the new Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy.

We would encourage you to attend.

