

St. Nicolas' CE Combined School Taplow

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Fir Class Curriculum News – Summer 2025

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. We have an exciting term of learning ahead of us; and are sure you are all looking forward to the new and enjoyable challenges that are to come. We have 3 more weeks of revision before SATs week, after which the class production will be revealed. This term our class text will be 'Wonder' which explores themes about kindness: how we behave and how we should behave. In geography we will be learning about trade and economics; after half term in history, our topic will be about the Village of Taplow. Our science topic is the human body, followed by classification.

This final term of Year 6 is a fantastic time for your child to further flourish and continue to be the best learner they can be. Your child should be using their growth mindset to embrace the new challenges for this term and face them with confidence. Preparation for secondary school will have a greater emphasis this term and we have a visitor coming into school to talk about what to expect and how best to prepare for their transition to Year 7. Visits for pupils to their new schools will take place in July.

Home learning will continue in this final term for consolidation of classwork and preparation for secondary school. It will be given out each Tuesday, to be handed in on the following Monday. We ask for your support to ensure that all homework is carried out with effort and completed on time. Lessons for challenge and Interventions to provide additional support begin at 8.45am each day and it is imperative your child is in class ready to learn by 8.45am each day.

Essential Information

Monday	All home learning handed in	Please complete to the best of your ability – you should spend no longer than an hour on each piece of home learning.
Tuesday	Planners to be checked New home learning given out	Planners must be up to date with 30 minutes of logged reading 5 times per week , recorded home learning tasks which must be signed weekly by a parent . They can also be used for notes to the teacher.
Wednesday	Spellings are tested and new spellings are handed out	Be sure to complete all of the spelling tasks to get the maximum number of house points . Please bring in your spelling books every Monday .
Everyday	Reading books in school	It is so important your child is reading in school.
PE Days	Thursday and Friday	Please come to school in your PE kit on these days.



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What will we be learning this term?

English	'Wonder' - class text, suspense writing, personal poems, film review, memoirs and presentations, Y6 SPAG, RWI Y6 spelling and Y7 spelling words.
Grammar	Subordinate clause, relative clause, active voice, passive voice, colons and semi-colons in lists, bullet points, synonyms, antonyms, standard English, formal and informal vocab, , informal speech, formal writing
Reading	Wonder by R J Palacio
Maths	Four operations, graphs, shape, place value and revision of maths topics
Science	The human body and classification
Humanities	Trade and economics / The village of Taplow
RE	What does it mean if god is holy and loving? Creation and science: conflicting or complimentary?
PSHE	Aspirational goals, five ways of wellbeing, puberty and sexual reproduction
Art and DT	Graffiti and line art / set construction for production
Computing	3D modelling and Programming
PE	Cricket, basketball, athletics and rounders

Reading

Reading is an essential part of your child's education. It is important that they read a wide scope of books to develop their understanding and vocabulary. Please read with your child once a week and ensure they are reading for a minimum of 10 minutes a day. They need to write a short review of what they have read in their planners. Reading should be enjoyable and exciting. Please see our reading challenge on the class page for some exciting recommendations.

Multiplication and division facts

Times tables are the key to your child being a successful mathematician. It is important to continue to practise these even if they have learnt them, as they can easily be forgotten. There are many times table games online to play, along with apps and downloads to make them more accessible.

Spellings

It is important for your child to practise their weekly spellings to ensure good spelling in their work, as well as the development of their vocabulary. The children are required to learn the year 5 and 6 spelling words in the front of your spelling book. It is good practice for your child to learn these in their spare time in order to improve their competency.

Home learning expectations

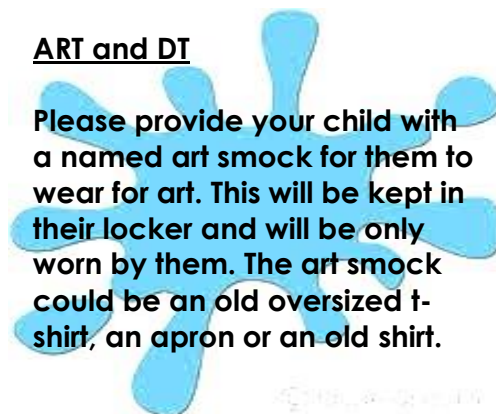
We expect home learning to be handed in on time. Please inform me in advance if there is any issue with completing it on time. If your child has any issues with home learning, please make sure they speak to me about it so that I am able to help them prior to the completion date.

Water bottles and snacks!

A reminder that your child must have a **water bottle** in school every day and a **fruit snack** for break time.

ART and DT

Please provide your child with a named art smock for them to wear for art. This will be kept in their locker and will be only worn by them. The art smock could be an old oversized t-shirt, an apron or an old shirt.



Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have anything you wish to discuss. You can catch us on the gate or for a longer appointment, request a meeting before or after school or a telephone call. We look forward to working with you all again this term and what is set to be a productive, successful and enjoyable final term of Year 6!

Mrs Flynn, Mrs Warrington, Ms Field & Mrs Vallis