



Welcome to Year 6

We are looking forward to the year ahead and hope that you are too. Year 6 is hard work but good fun. We hope that you make the most of your last year here at Downview by enjoying and doing your best in all the opportunities that are available to you.

Staff



The Year 6 teaching team this year are:



Mr Wojcik (HOY)

Rowan Class



Mrs Bondsfield/Mrs Goatcher

Chestnut Class

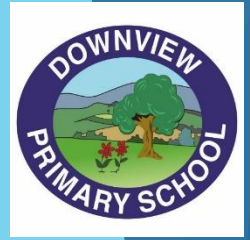


Mr Maidment

Cedar Class

You will also be supported by a wonderful team of Teaching Assistants: Mrs Cornell, Mrs Bell, Miss Pitt & Mrs Stapely

Autumn Term



In Autumn Term 1 our topic is Evolution, Inheritance & Why does population change?

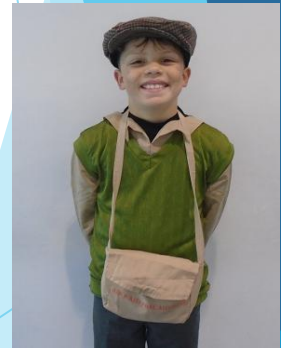


In Autumn Term 2 our topic will be WW2.

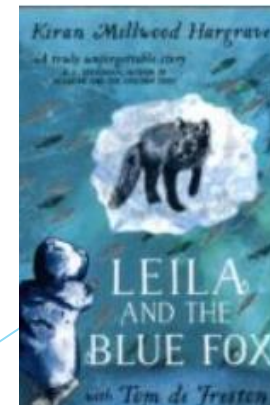
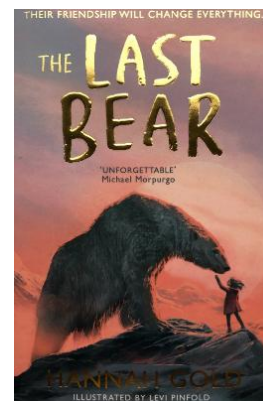
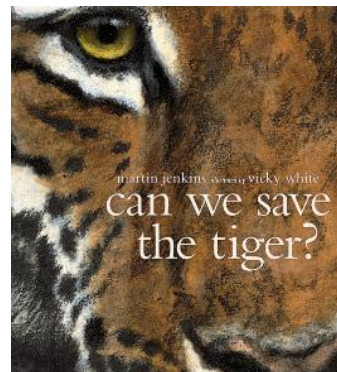
Evacuee Day 10th November (Rainbow Theatre)

Grandparents tea party.

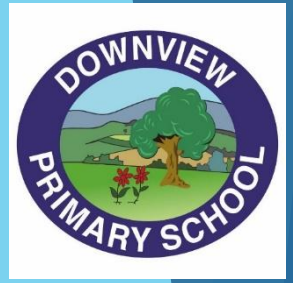
Extra homework - Air raid shelter



Some key texts:



Spring Term



Spring 1 we will continue with WW2.

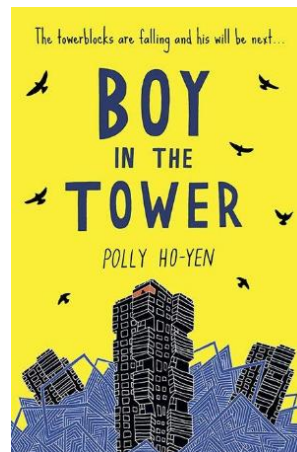
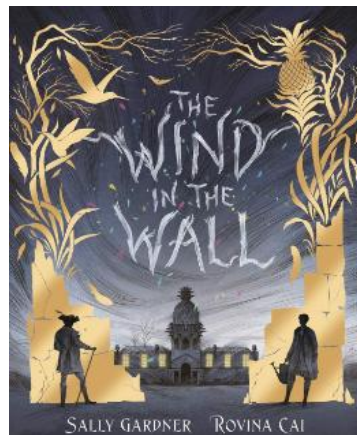
Science focus will be electricity

Spring 2 Where does energy come from.

SATs push!



Key texts:



Summer Term



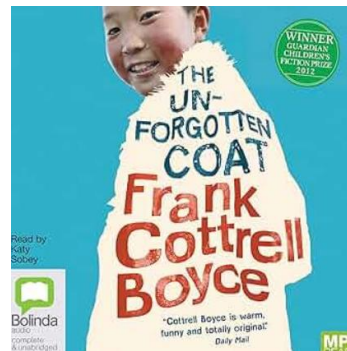
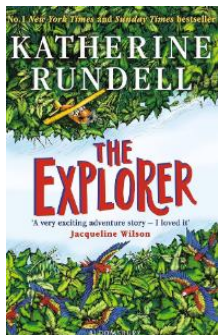
Final SAT's push! **Which are the 11th - 14th May 2026.** Children well prepared.

Once the tests are finished you will have the chance to work on a project of your choice. At this time we will also start rehearsing for our end of year show and thinking about the transition to secondary school.

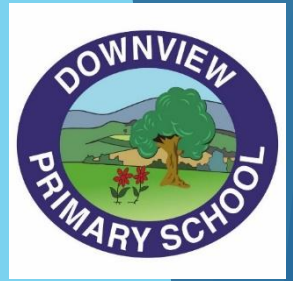
Our topic will be on Ancient Egyptians.

Dress as an Egyptian during our **Egyptian Day (TBC).**

Key texts:



Trips



Panto!



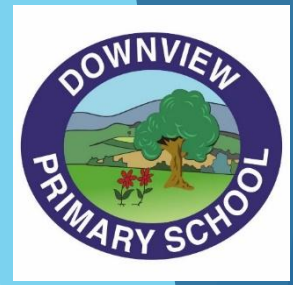
Hotham Park trip!



Beach trip!



Year 6 residential to Marchants Hill



Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th June!

Day bag/rucksack

- Packed lunch for the first day - in a disposable bag
- Reusable water bottle
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Nightwear
- Toiletries - soap, flannel, toothbrush and paste, shampoo, shower gel, brush, comb etc
- Towels
- Black bin liner for wet clothing/towels
- Old clothes -

Some of the activities require the children to have their arms or legs covered.

Please ensure they have suitable clothing for this

- Watch/time device
- Torch
- Camera (optional)
- Book to read at night or games (not electronic or precious)
- Teddy bear (optional)
- £10 pocket money (optional)
- Sun hat
- Sun cream

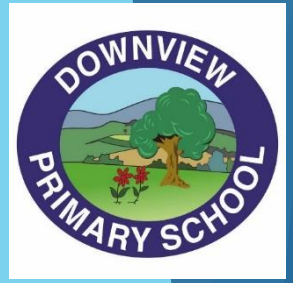


PE



- ▶ Year 6 days are:
- ▶ Cedar - Monday & Tuesday
- ▶ Rowan - Wednesday & Friday
- ▶ Chestnut - Monday & Friday
- ▶ We have two sessions of P.E every week. There will be one indoor and one outdoor session.
 - T- shirt, round necked, white
 - T-shirt, round necked, navy logo
 - Shorts, blue or black, preferably black
 - Trainers will be needed for outdoor PE
 - Plain navy or black jogging bottoms for outdoor PE
 - Plain navy or black sweatshirt
 - School cardigan or jumper can be worn for PE
 - No football attire with a logo of any club (supported or played for)
- All jewellery (especially earrings) should be left at home on these days and hair should be tied up.

Mobile Phones



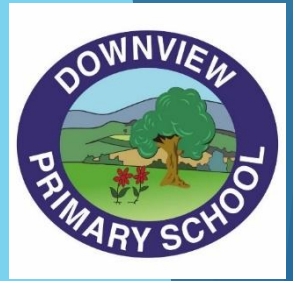
Mobile phones are not to be used on school premises. We ask that if your child needs to let you know that they have arrived at school safely that they do so at the school gate and then turn their phone off as they walk onto the school premises.

The switched off mobile phone will be handed to the class teacher and kept safely in a box until the end of the day.

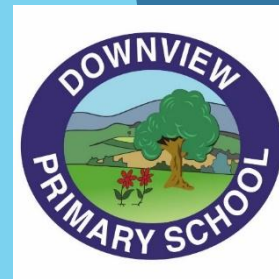
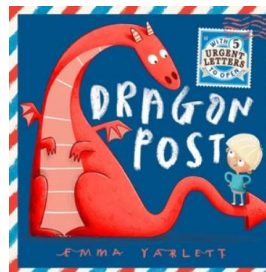
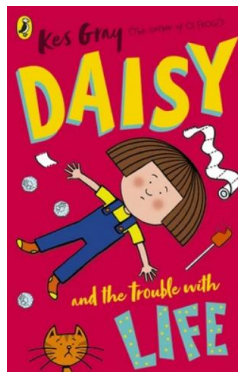
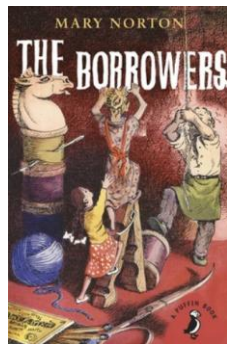
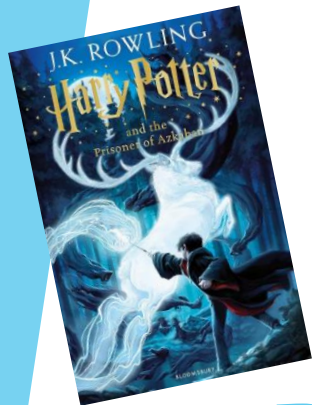
Pupils are not allowed to ring you until they have left the school premises. In the past we have had children ringing their parents as they walked down the stairs leaving the classroom and this is both unsafe and unnecessary.

Mobile phones are not permitted on school trips.

Pencil Cases



- ▶ The children have been given the stationery supplies they need to use in the classroom
- ▶ We would like the children to store this in their own pencil case to use in lesson times
- ▶ Please provide your child with their own pencil case by Monday 22nd September - they can also bring in their own stationery to use in the pencil case
- ▶ Please ensure the pencil case is named

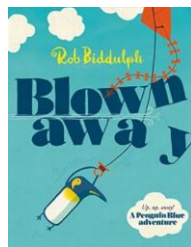
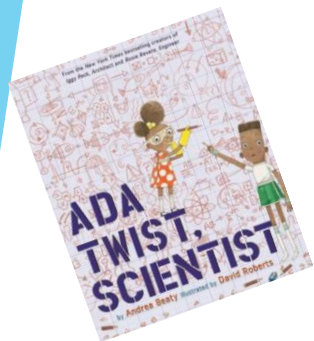
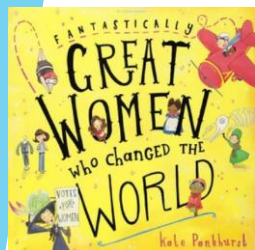


Reading at Downview

We work hard with all our children to support them to read with confidence and enjoyment, and become lifelong readers.



We need your help!



Reading at school.

Accelerated Reader (AR).

After every AR book they read, they will complete a quiz in school to monitor their progress. We can see good understanding of what they are reading.

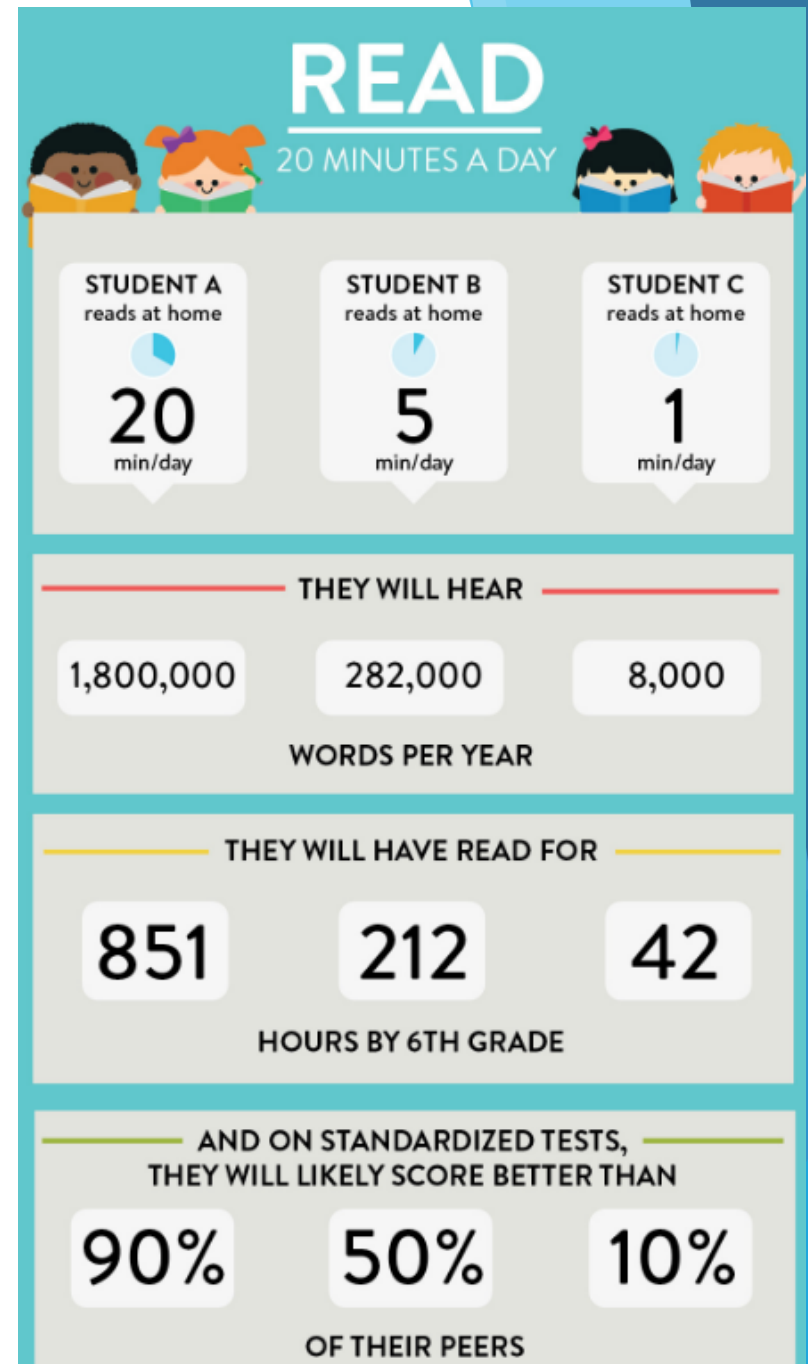
Teachers read to children every day at Downview.

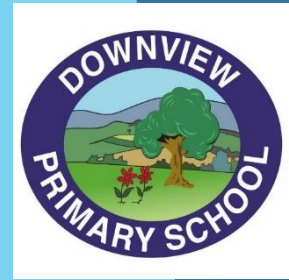
Volunteers- makes such a difference!



Reading at home

- ▶ In Key Stage 2 encourage your child to bring their Accelerated Reader book home every day so that you can read together.
- ▶ Try to read at home **every day**, a minimum of 3 times a week is essential for good progress.
- ▶ Sign their 100 square when you hear them read. 100 reads at home means a trip to the vending machine to choose a new book to take home!
- ▶ Read to your child before bed **every night**.! Children love being read to from Reception to Year 6 and beyond! Hearing someone else read aloud is an important part of learning to read.





Help your child to reach 100 reads!

Please sign their 100 square every time you hear them read.

We will regularly check their progress with this.

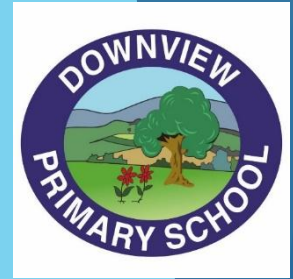
100 Reads!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Please sign and date when your child reads with you. When they have read 100 times at home, they will be able to visit the Downview book vending machine. We'll check each week to see how they are getting on!



Homework



Homework in Year 6
New and exciting!

You will be working very hard this year to complete your learning journey at Primary school. With this in mind, instead of weekly paper based homework, you have been assigned a brand new Doodle login. You can access this on any device (phone/tablet/laptop) and can also use it offline, all homework at secondary school will be set online so this is a great preparation for you.

(Please see parent download instructions attached)

Doodle

Doodle will help you practise your maths, times tables, grammar and spelling. We have all logged on now, have had a play and have completed an initial assessment. The questions that you now get, when you log in, will be targeted just for you, so you are working at exactly the right level to make progress. You will get immediate feedback on how you have done and tips and tips for tricky questions.

Teachers and parents can monitor how you are getting on, using the dashboard. Teachers and support staff will use our class doodle time to work with small groups and individuals who may have found certain questions hard.

Now you are in Year 6, we will that you Doodle independently as if you have help, the questions will become harder very quickly. You will have an option on screen to move any harder questions into the tricky box, meaning you can come back to them later but do please attempt them all. The teacher can see this and can be on hand to guide in class if needed.

Each time you log in, you can earn stars which you can use and exchange for parts for your avatar and also for games. There are rewards to top doodlers but it is effort, resilience and time that is rewarded, not ability.

In school, you will be logging into Doodle most days but for homework this year, we ask that you make time to log on at home for at least **30 minutes each week**. This allows you to spend 10 minutes on each of the Doodle focus areas: maths, times tables, grammar and spelling.

You can do this in 4 x 10 minute slots, 2 x 20 minutes or for one longer focused session - please make it work for you. We think you will want to do more than your 40 minutes once you're up and running which would be amazing!

Sometimes, your teacher will set a focused assignment - keep a look out for these. There will be a Year 6 homework club each week, for anyone who would like to do more or those who maybe struggle to access Doodle at home.

Everyone is welcome!

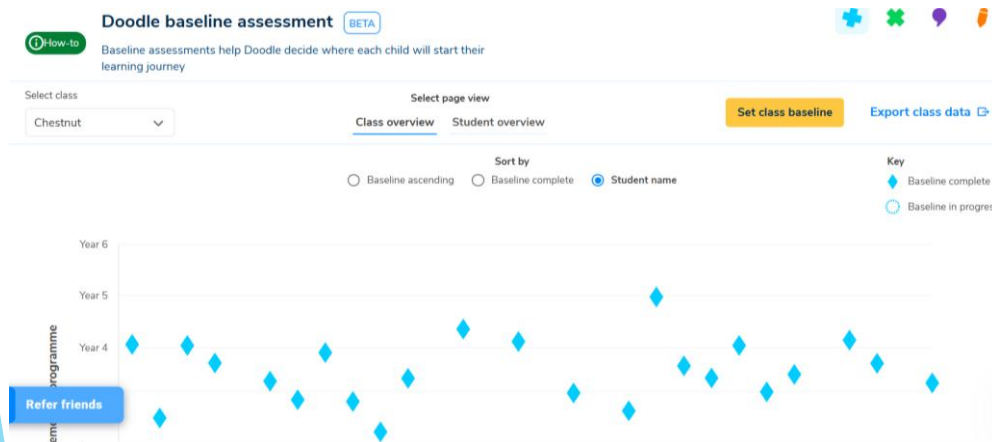
EXTRAS

We have attached the spelling overview for the half term, so you can see your Year 6 focus spelling each week that you will be tested on. We have also uploaded these to Doodle so when you use the spelling focus area, your practice is linked.

We still expect reading 3 x weekly - this is the only extra alongside your Doodling but it is vital to keep developing as an great readers and writers.

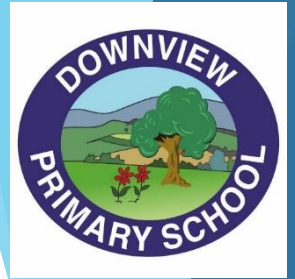
All children completing 95% of homework each term, this includes weekly reading at home, will be invited to a special activity afternoon near Christmas, Easter and the summer as a 'Thank you' for your efforts.

- Maths, English/grammar, times tables and spelling
- Will log in 4x weekly in school for 15 minutes = 60 Yr 6 Homework expectation: 40 minutes weekly at home = 100 weekly in total
- Identifies learning gaps - individualised learning
- Teachers will regularly monitor
- Rewards effort not attainment - respects children as learners



- Data shows when used little and often - 3 months progress can be made in 1 month.
- Aim - to close the learning gaps

Key Dates



26th September: Modern foreign Language Day

22nd & 23rd October: Parents evening

10th November: Evacuee Day

5th December: Carols by Candlelight

18th December (TBC): Butlins Panto

5th March: World Book Day

25th & 26th March: Parents Evening

11th - 14th May: SATS

3rd - 5th June: Residential

W.B. 8th July: Bikeability

14th July: Year 6 Performance

16th July: Year 6 Graduation