

How to help your child at home in Year 6

Reading

Year 6 curriculum objectives can be found at
<http://www.primarycurriculum.me.uk/year6>

It is really important that the children read every day at home. Even though the children are in Year 6, they will still benefit from reading out loud to an adult or being read to.

When hearing your child read, ask a range of questions from below. These are the types of questions that the children will be answering in the SATs.

Vocabulary Questions

- What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?
- By writing..., what effect has the author created? Do you think they intended to?
- What other words/phrases could the author have used here? Why?
- How has the author made you/ this character feel by writing...? Why?

Inference Questions

- What do you think.... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else?
- I think....; do you agree? Why/why not?
- Why do you think the author decided to...?
- Can you explain why....?
- What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?

Retrieval Questions

- Find the... in this text. Is it anywhere else?
- When/where is this story set? Find evidence in the text.
- Find the part of the story that best describes the setting.
- What do you think is happening here? Why?
- Who is telling this story?

Prediction Questions

- Can you think of another story with a similar theme? How do their plots differ?
- Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will develop the same way?
- Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?

Explain/Evaluate Questions

- What is similar/different about two characters? Did the author intend that?
- Explain why... did that.
- Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.
- Does this story have a moral?
- Which... is better and why?

Summarising Questions

- What is the main point in this paragraph? Is it mentioned anywhere else?
- Sum up what has happened so far in... words/seconds or less.
- Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Why?
- Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?

Useful Links

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zs44jxs>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> (sign up for a free account for e-books)

<https://www.satspapers.org.uk/>

<https://live.firstnews.co.uk/> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

(news articles)

CGP workbooks - KS2 English Targeted Question Book: Reading - Year 6 (£4.95 on Amazon)

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Maths

Key Number Facts

These are number facts that the children should know by the end of Year 6. Please practise these with your children. They can use the attached number games to practise.

1. I can round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy.
2. I can identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers.
3. I can mentally find any multiple of 5/10% of whole number quantities.
4. I can rapidly recall simple decimal/fraction/percentage equivalents (including quarters, thirds, eighths, fifths, tenths)
5. I can identify the value of each digit to three decimal places and multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 where the answers are up to three decimal places.
6. I can multiply one-digit numbers with up to two decimal places by whole numbers.
7. I can solve problems involving the calculation of percentages of whole numbers or measures such as 15% of 360.
8. I can find pairs of 2 digit numbers which add up to 100.
9. I can double/ halve any two digit number, including decimals
10. I can multiply any two digit number, including decimals, by a single digit number or multiple of 10.

Useful Links

<https://uk.ixl.com/math/year-6>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Key-Stage-2.html>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/ordering-and-sequencing>

<https://www.mathplayground.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://sso.prodigygame.com/game/start?rid=d6d4ab92-acab-4f71-9f77-6f5d983a5daa> (children should have own login)

<https://www.sumdog.com/> (children should have own login)

<https://www.satspapers.org.uk/>

CGP Workbooks - New KS2 Maths 10-Minute Weekly Workouts: Arithmetic - Year 6 (£5.95 on Amazon)

New KS2 Maths SAT Buster 10-Minute Tests - Problem Solving (£2.95 on Amazon)

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Writing

Throughout the year, the children will be composing independent pieces of writing to build up a range of evidence of their skills. They will also be taking a spelling and grammar test in the SATs. It is important that the children have legible, cursive handwriting. Please encourage the children to use cursive handwriting at home.

Spellings

Please practise words from the Year 5/6 list with the children. These are stuck in their purple home learning books. They are also on the next page.

Useful Links

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/interactive/literacy.html#7>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

<http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/literacyresources/files/alpha/alpha.htm>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhrrd2p>

Grammar

The children will need to be able to identify different grammatical terms in the SPAG exam. They will also need to use these features in their writing.

Useful Links

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/primary-grammar-glossary-for-parents>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhrrd2p>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

<https://www.satspapers.org.uk/>

CGP Workbook - KS2 English Targeted Question Book: Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (£5.95 on Amazon)

Writing

You can help by giving children the opportunity to write creatively at home. They can write a range of pieces such as stories, newspaper articles, diary entries, letters, information texts and biographies. Please encourage your child to check their work and improve it.

Useful Links

<https://www.pobble365.com/>

<https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>

<https://languages.oup.com/dictionaries/oxford-dictionaries-for-children/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpccwmn>

Year 5/6 Spelling List

accommodate
accompany
according
achieve
aggressive
amateur
ancient
apparent
appreciate
attached
available
average
awkward
bargain
bruise
category
cemetery
committee
communicate
community
competition

conscience
conscious
controversy
convenience
correspond
criticise
curiosity
definite
desperate
determined
develop
dictionary
disastrous
embarrass
environment
equip
equipped
equipment
especially
exaggerate
excellent

existence
explanation
familiar
foreign
forty
frequently
government
guarantee
harass
hindrance
identity
immediate
immediately
individual
interfere
interrupt
language
leisure
lightning
marvellous
mischievous

muscle
necessary
neighbour
nuisance
occupy
occur
opportunity
parliament
persuade
physical
prejudice
privilege
profession
programme
pronunciation
queue
recognise
recommend
relevant
restaurant
rhyme

rhythm
sacrifice
secretary
shoulder
signature
sincere
sincerely
soldier
stomach
sufficient
suggest
symbol
system
temperature
thorough
twelfth
variety
vegetable
vehicle
yacht