

Year 6 - Hawks - 2024/25

Class expectations:

- The overarching objective for this year, is to build on independence and readiness for Secondary school. Of course we want to have a fun year, and make more memories, but we're looking at making sure the children are organised,
- Throughout the day, the children are expected to carry out their jobs and responsibilities - not all children will have a job, but there will be opportunities throughout the year, if they wish.
- We will endeavour to read every day, and listen to children read at least once a week - for this reason we would like reading books to be in every day.

Curriculum

We have up until May to cover the whole of the year 6 curriculum, and recap any previous areas of KS2 necessary. For this reason, the work may seem very fast paced. We do our best to make sure it is covered sufficiently and efficiently.

Assessments

Thursday 12th September 2024 - Kent Test

The first test will be an English and maths paper and will take 1 hour. Each section will involve a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a 25 minute test. The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills.

The second test will be a reasoning paper. It will take about 1 hour, including the practice sections and questions. It will contain a verbal reasoning section and a non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length. The non-verbal reasoning will be split into short sections, administered and timed individually.

There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local headteacher panel as part of the headteacher assessment stage of the process. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May 2025 - KS2 SATs

Monday: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Tuesday: English Reading

Wednesday: Maths Paper 1 and Paper 2

Thursday: Maths Paper 3

PE

- PE days are **Wednesday** (just PE kits needed) and **Friday** (swimming kits needed).
- Children must not have earrings for PE lessons. Can they please be taken out on PE days, or taken out before the lesson if capable.

Reward systems

We are continuing with Dojos, as the class seemed to really enjoy these.

We will also have an in class "Star of the Week" for children who have stood out that week.

Communication

- Please feel free to email me at kieran.johnston@barham.kent.sch.uk. I will aim to respond as soon as I possibly can, between the hours of 8:00-17:00 - Monday to Friday.
- If possible, do come and see me at the end of the day, or we can arrange a time to meet face-to-face.
- If your child needs to be excused, please drop me an email, or send your child in with a little note.

How can you help?

Check water bottles.

Make sure correct uniform is worn.

Read with/to your child as much as possible.

Practise times tables.

Please supervise and check mobile phones and devices.

Encourage them to speak to me if they have any concerns or queries.

Check the class overviews for messages.

If I've missed anything, or you have any questions, please do get in touch!

All the best,

Mr Johnston