

Physical Development this Half Term

PE will be on a Friday afternoon with a focus on Dance.

Please make sure your child comes to school in their Nine Acres PE kit on a Friday including some warm layers now that the Summer is a distant memory! Please ensure your child has a water bottle too.

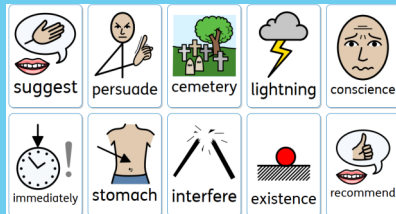
How can you help at home?

Reading - Please ensure your child is reading at home at least 3 times a week. Please remember to log all reads on the BoomReader app (school and home reading books).

Maths - We have seen good improvements to the children's times tables as a result of your home support - please keep this up!

Homework - There is an expectation of 20 minutes each of Maths and English each week. It is due in on a Friday.

Spelling: Here are this half term's focus words:



Thank you for all the support with extra practice so far!

Dates for your Diary

JANUARY 2026

Wed 14th Jan 2026 - Year 6 SATs Information Sessions at 3.20pm or 5.00pm.

FEBRUARY 2026

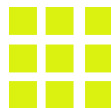
Tues 3rd Feb 2026 - Year 4 Winchester Science Centre Visit.

Thurs 12th Feb 2026 - Helping Hands Valentine's Disco.

Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb 2026 - February Half Term.

Mon 23rd Feb 2026 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

Tues 24th Feb 2026 - First day of Spring Term 2.



**Year 6
Team
Spring
Term 1
2026**

YEAR 6 KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Dear Families,

We hope that you all enjoyed a good two week break! The pupils have started back extremely focussed and determined to further improve on the skills they have built up in the Autumn term. As usual at Nine Acres, it will be a busy half term of learning building towards them showing us what they can do at the next assessment point. The children have impressed us with how they have acted on their feedback from the year so far and we can't wait to see what they will go on to achieve. We look forwards to meeting with you on our SATS information sessions on **Wednesday 14th of January at 3:20 or 5:00pm.**

As always, if you have any questions or need to speak to us, please do not hesitate to catch up at the classroom door or leave a message with the office team.

With thanks,

The Year 6 Team.

'Striving for Excellence'



Year 6 Knowledge Organiser - Spring Term 1 2026

Science

This half term, the children will be learning all about how scientists classify living things based on their characteristics. This will include exploring the five main groups of vertebrates - mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish - as well as investigating plants by comparing flowering and non-flowering types, and recognising how leaves, seeds and structures differ between species. Finally, they will examine microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi and algae, understanding their roles in our everyday lives.



History

This half term, we will be building on our knowledge of different historical periods and considering how punishment has changed over time. We will understand which actions and behaviours were seen as crimes and investigate the impact of factors such as social status. We will also learn about what happened when somebody was accused of a crime, how crimes were investigated, why harsher and more gruesome punishments were sometimes popular and how the police force developed from its origins in the Georgian period right up into the modern day.



Reading

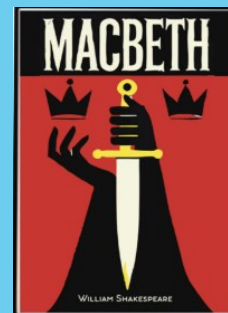
2026 is the National Year of Reading! We are excited about a wide range of activities planned across this year to celebrate!

Book Club this half term will contain a range of texts including song lyrics such as 'I'll Make a Man out of You' from Mulan, Shakespeare's witches' poem and play scripts. We are having a real focus on inference - especially giving impressions of characters. If you could think about this in home reading, then it will really support your child.



Our English this half term!

Hubble, bubble, toil and trouble... This half term, things will take a darker turn with one of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies - the Scottish play that actors dare not name... MACBETH! Through a mixture of exposure to the original text, adapted versions and an animated interpretation, the children will become experts in this story and will apply their English skills through rousing battle speeches, diary entries, persuasive letters and an action narrative.



Our Maths this half term is Measure!

Our Spring 1 Maths begins with converting between units of measures - length, capacity, weight and time. We have noticed that several children in the cohort are still not confident with telling the time, reading timetables and calculating time durations e.g. If a film is 95 minutes and it starts at 16:30pm, what time would it finish? Any help at home with this would be a great help!