

Homework

In preparation for high school, homework is significant in aiding the child's independence and also extends their learning at home. All homework is expected to be completed by every child to a high standard. Homework includes:

- Children will be set homework based on the class topic when it is appropriate.
- Spellings (weekly) - children will have a weekly spelling test.
- Pentorbia (weekly) - as part of our maths curriculum, children work their way around the Pentorbia world to learn times tables, division facts and a wide range of mental maths skills. Children are expected to work on their current mental maths skills as they then complete a challenge to answer as many questions correctly as they can in order to move up.
- Reading (daily) - children are expected to read at home 5 times a week for at least 10 minutes. They should also be heard read as often as possible to develop their confidence and expression in reading aloud.

Expenditure

- Year 5 & 6 both have the opportunity to attend a residential trip. Approximate cost is £130 per residential, with the school subsidising the transport costs.
- Year 6 have the opportunity to go Bellboating. Approximate cost £8.
- Young Voices - Adult tickets £20. Children's T-Shirts £10. Young Voices is the opportunity to sing in a choir with 6,000 children and be part of a professional concert at the Genting Arena, Birmingham.
- Theatre trip to 101 Dalmatians at the Rep Theatre, Birmingham. Approximate cost £15
- Children have the opportunity to purchase violin and guitar lessons. Please ask at the office for more information.

Welcome To Upper Key Stage 2 (KS2) Year 5 & 6



The Sharks

**Miss Harvey,
Mrs Gregory & Mrs Russell**

Class Expectations

As children move into the upper stage of Key Stage 2, the expectation of them increases significantly. In preparation for high school, children are expected to be even more independent. By giving children the responsibility to take ownership of their own learning, they develop a higher level of self-confidence and awareness.

For this reason, children are encouraged to organise themselves at school and at home. We build their confidence in taking control of different situations by giving them jobs to do in school.

Due to the fact that they are the oldest class in the school, all children in Sharks class are expected to set the behavioural standards of the school. They are the role models for the younger children and their behaviour is constantly influencing those of a younger age. It is because of this that we encourage a positive and involved ethos in the class. Children learn that by working together, they can accomplish anything.



Classroom Information

- All children share a locker so it is essential that they do not bring large bags into school. They only need their PE kit and book bag in their locker, and of course their lunch if they are having packed lunch. PE Kits should be in school every day.
- Children must bring in a water bottle every day and this must be kept in the classroom and not in their lockers.
- If children wish, they can bring in their own pencil case containing colouring pens and pencils.
- Children are also encouraged to bring in a healthy snack for break time; crisps or sweets are not permitted at breaks.

Morning Routine

Children's independence is promoted first thing in the morning with them getting themselves prepared for the day.

When they arrive at school at 8.50am, they:

- Place any belongings in their locker.
- Put their water bottle in the water bottle box.
- Place any letters into the tray to be collected by the monitors.
- Carry out any monitor jobs, if allocated.
- Get out their chair and reading book and start the day with quiet, independent reading.

Miss Harvey will remain in the classroom between 8.50am and 9.00am and is available if parents or children have any concerns or questions.

End of Day Routine

After the bell has rung, the children will be escorted to the front playground.

At the end of the day, children must remember:

- Take home their reading book and reading record.
- Take home any homework
- On a Friday take home PE kit to be washed.
- Check the letter box to make sure there are no letters to take home.
- Children tell the teacher when they can see their parent/ guardian before walking off.
- Abberley Acorn children will walk to the mobile

Any uncollected child will be taken to the school office.