



Oak Class Homework – First Half of Autumn Term 2026

The purpose of homework is to help children practise and extend skills which they need every day in school. In Year 6, we are beginning to develop the skills of organisation, time management and self-motivation, which they will need to transition to secondary school next September. We have found that weekly homework in Year 6 helps them foster these skills preparing them effectively for their next steps.

Year 6 children should complete the following weekly homework:

1. Weekly Arithmetic Homework

Children in Oak Class will be given weekly arithmetic homework which will be based on practising the four operations and developing fluency in solving simple calculations. The homework will be given on Mondays (in a small blue maths homework book) and will need to be completed by the following Monday morning. If they find any of the questions challenging, please do talk through the questions with them.

2. Reading

In Year 6, it is still really important that children read 5 or more times a week. We are trying to develop a love of reading so will be helping children choose books which appeal to them and that they are excited to read at home and at school. We will be reading a wide variety of books to children in class every day to expose them to as many different texts as possible. We aim to develop responsible readers who take charge of their reading at home, so reads at home should be recorded in your child's diary either by themselves or an adult and a 'read' should be at least ten pages or more of their book. Even though the children are in Year 6 and can read, it is beneficial for them to read with an adult as much as possible to aid their understanding of the vocabulary and to discuss the text. Our aim is that children in Year 6 complete at least one book per half term. Reading diaries will be checked each week at school and for each 50 pages read, children will receive a ticket to enter our 'Star Reader' draw, which takes place at the end of each half term. One ticket is drawn out of the jar and the winner will receive the prize of a £5 WHSmith voucher, which children can spend on books, games, stationery and much more.

3. Spellings

We will be using Spelling Shed to learn the Year 5/6 spelling rules and relating them to the phonics the children learned earlier in Key Stage 2. Each week your child's spelling words will be on Spelling Shed so they can practise at home by playing games, which is really beneficial for them. Your child's Spelling Shed login is in their reading diary and their spellings for this half term are on the next page.

<https://play.edshed.com/login>

4. Times Tables

If your child is not yet confident with their times tables up to 12×12 , then it is vital they practise them at home each week. We use times tables in all of our Maths learning in Year 6, so if children are not fluent, they can find their Maths learning much harder. We use the 'White Rose 1 minute Maths app' in class and this is available for you to download at home too. This link will take you to the page explaining how to download it: <https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths>.

Year 6 Spellings

We will be practising these words in class this half term and ask children to have a go at home either on Spelling Shed or by writing them out on paper- whichever they find most helpful.



Y6 W1 for 11th Sept

Words with the short vowel sound /ɪ/ spelled 'y'

symbol
antonym
crystal
typical
oxygen
system
rhythm
symptom
mystery
lyrics



Y6 W2 for 18th Sept

Words with the long vowel sound /ɪgh/ spelled 'y'

supply
hyphen
python
hygiene
recycle
apply
identify
rhyme
multiply
occupy



Y6 W3 for 25th Sept

Words with 'cial' /shul/ after a vowel

crucial
beneficial
social
official
superficial
special
facial
antisocial
racial
artificial



Y6 W4 for 2nd Oct

Words with 'tia' /shul/

torrential
martial
potential
essential
confidential
spatial
substantial
partial
influential
sequential



Y6 W5 for 9th Oct

Words with an /oa/ sound spelled 'ou' or 'ow'

shoulder
smoulder
mould
thrown
known
blown
window
shallow
soul
poultry



Y6 W6 for 16th Oct

Words with a 'soft c' spelled 'ce'

prejudice
nuisance
hindrance
sacrifice
cemetery
certificate
celebrate
necessary
deceased
December



Y6 W7 for 23rd Oct

Words with the /f/ sound spelled 'ph'

pamphlet
alphabet
elephant
phone
graph
pheasant
dolphin
photo
physical
sphere