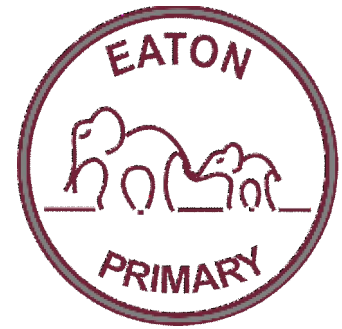


Eaton Primary School



Headteacher: Steve Portas

Purtingay Close, Norwich, NR4 6HU
Tel: 01603 502454
Fax: 01603 502454
Email: office@eaton.norfolk.sch.uk
Web: www.eatonprimary.co.uk

Welcome to Year 5/6

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you, and your child, to Year 5 and 6; Mr Arthur as Griffins Class, Mr Hamilton's as Centaurs Class and Mrs Thompson and Ms Coxedge as Phoenixes Class. Our Drop-in session as well as this letter we hope will provide you with some basic information about the organisation and expectations particular to these classes. We hope that, by doing this, we will be able to work with you, as a more effective team, with the joint aim of furthering your child's education. These are obviously important years in your child's school career, but also in that they are now the oldest children in Eaton Primary School. As a result, a lot will be expected of them in a variety of areas. We hope that the new Year 6 in particular, will rise to the challenge of setting an example to the rest of the school by taking an increasing amount of responsibility - we hope, for example, that they will take on jobs such as being 'Playground Buddies' to Key Stage 1 children, energy monitors and Office Angels.

Timetable

In years 5 and 6, your child will be studying the Core subjects (English, Maths, Science and I.C.T.), and the Foundation subjects (History, Geography, Art, Design Technology, Music, P.E./Games and R.E.). We will generally be following the Year 6 curriculum although our expectations of the work produced will be determined by the age and ability of each child.

We make use of some specialist teaching which means that your child will, at some point during the week, be taught by all 4 of the year group teachers, as well as other specialist teachers, especially for subjects such as P.E. and swimming. (In 5/6CT Mrs Thompson will be teaching Mondays and Tuesdays, Ms Cocksedge Thursdays and Fridays, Wednesdays will alternate.) If you have any questions relating to these particular subjects, it would be helpful if you would approach the appropriate teacher.

We would like to remind you that school will be open to children from 8.40, with registration at 8.50.

Topics

Over the course of the year we will be studying a variety of topics, including the Victorians, Mountains, Britain Since 1948, and Kenya.

Your child will also be asked to produce an individual topic each term, the content of which, to a degree, is determined by them. We feel this work provides an important opportunity for children to develop their research skills and to learn to organise their time effectively. They will be given guidance and time to work on this in school but it is something that they may also like to work on at home.

Any help that you can give your child relating to these topics, such as taking out library books or looking for information on the internet would be useful.

Equipment

Bags and coats have to be able to hang on pegs. Children are expected to wear school uniform and appropriate P.E. equipment - trainers, black shorts and a white t-shirt. For your information:-

5/6A pupils will need P.E kit on Wednesday and Friday, swimming kit on Thursday

5/6CT pupils will need P.E. kit on Monday and Friday, swimming kit on Thursday

5/6H pupils will need P.E kit on Monday and Wednesday, swimming kit on Tuesday (Group 2) and Friday (Group 1)

Homework

Pupils in years 5 and 6 have regular homework tasks and we try to keep to a regular routine so that both you and your child knows exactly what is expected of them.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Day set</u>	<u>Due in</u>
Literacy	Monday	Monday
Maths group	Friday	Friday
Learning Logs	Thursday	Tuesday

In addition, spellings are set on Monday and tested on Friday and your child will also be given specific reading tasks. Your child has been given a homework diary into which should be written brief details of the work to be done, when it is to be completed and any special resources needed. This information is also to be found on the V.L.E., as a reminder to the children and to inform you.

We also like to remind you that our Virtual Learning Environment (V.L.E. - more information on this and a link from our web site soon) is a useful way for us to communicate a range of information to you - look out for dates, web sites to help with topics etc..

Trips

As you are probably aware, we have already had our first trip, with the Year 6 having attended 'Crucial Crew', a safety event at the Norfolk Show Ground. Later in the year we also have planned a residential trip and a visit to the Royal Norfolk Show. In addition we also have booked the Chocolate Box Challenge, when visitors from the world of business come into school to work with the children.

Assessment

Children are assessed throughout the year, particularly in maths and English but there are also specific tests which will be undertaken in the summer term.

Year 6 - SATs

Year 6 is an important year in your child's education - it is the final year of Key Stage 2 and, as a result, s/he will be undertaking tests in Maths and English.

There are a number of papers for each subject which will be spread across the week commencing May 14th 2012, which are detailed below. It is important that your child is in school for this week!

English - Reading

- Writing (one long and one short task)
- Spelling

Maths - Paper A (without the use of a calculator)

- Paper B (with the use of a calculator)
- Mental Maths

However the SATs are only a part of Year 6 and, although the children obviously need to be aware of their existence, we feel that it is important to maintain a broad and balanced curriculum for as long as possible. Nonetheless, as we go through the year, children will be given work based on previous SATs papers - although they may not, at the time, be aware of this! Often SATs questions are used as part of our normal assessment procedures within lessons although, nearer the time the children will be given the experience of working through previous papers. This is to familiarise them with both the lay-out and timings of the different papers. However, because of its particular nature and precise timing of individual questions, Mental Maths tests will be practised regularly throughout the year. Despite our relatively low key approach, many children (and parents!) can feel anxious as SATs approach, so, if any reassurance is needed, please do not hesitate to contact us.

QCA 5 - Year 5

As in previous years, children in Year 5 will take QCA tests, sitting these at the same time as the Year 6 tests.

We are available to discuss aspects of your child's learning at most times, although it would be more convenient if you could arrange this for after school as we have our own preparation to do before school starts.