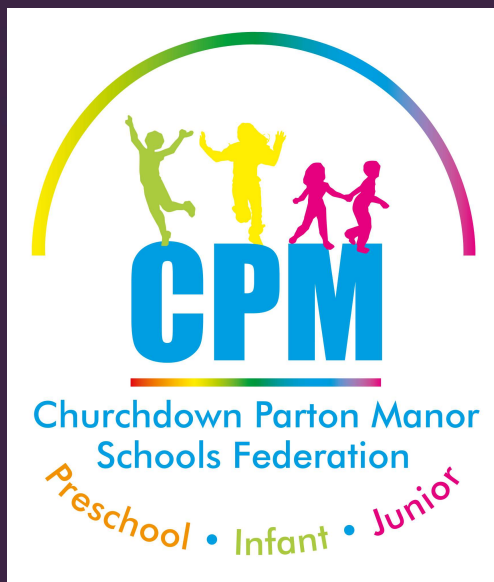




Welcome to Year 6!



Year 6 Staff

Isbourne

Teacher: Mrs Vernall

PPA/SLT Cover Miss Dixon (Tues)

Class Teaching Assistants: Miss Davis

Evenlode

Teacher: Mrs Markham (Mon-Thurs), Miss Dixon (Fri)

PPA Cover: Mrs Carluke,

Class Teaching Assistant: Mrs Carluke.

Year 6 Support TAs Miss Roberts, Mrs Cope

Communication

- We shall communicate any messages or reminders via Class Dojo, so please ensure you are signed up.
- School newsletters and term dates are sent via Class Dojo and can be accessed on the school website.
- Please remember to update your contact details with the school office if they change during the course of the year. Please contact the office if your child is ill.

Expectations

- We continue to expect all children to use their gem powers in all they do. We celebrate their achievements, behaviour and gem power in assemblies and reward them accordingly.



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Expectations

- As children reach Year 6 there are additional expectations of behaviour. The most important being that we encourage greater independence. We encourage children to actively engage in their learning to achieve the very best that they can.
- There are opportunities to take on additional responsibilities such as House Captains ,Ambassadors for Reading and Maths and Eco Councillors.

Developing independence

- If you wish your child to walk home independently after school, then please complete and return the form which will go home this week. The form is also available from the school office.
- Children walking and bringing in mobile phones should use them responsibly. They should not use phones within school grounds, and it will be switched off and kept safely in the teacher's cupboard during the day. Throughout the year we will provide sessions on safe use of technology.
- Please note that all pupils must be collected from an after school club.

Walking home alone guidance

- Children must be in Year 6. |
- Parents must have registered with the school that they are prepared for their children to walk directly home from school at the end of the day.
- Children who are attending a club after school must be collected and will not be allowed to walk home alone.
- It is the parent's responsibility to check the route that their children will walk home in order that they may make an assessment of the appropriateness of the journey. Crossing of fast roads and walking through secluded areas is to be discouraged. A single route should be agreed.
- Parents must be certain that children have an awareness and understanding of the green cross code and stranger danger. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure they are sufficiently happy that their child is capable of undertaking the proposed journey safely.
- During winter months and/or inclement weather, children must be dressed appropriately.
- Children should preferably walk in a group and not alone.
- Children should have their mobile on their person on the day they are walking home alone.
- **There must be someone at home to meet the child on their arrival. If the school has knowledge that there won't be anyone at home to welcome the child, the school reserves the right to inform relevant safeguarding agencies.**
- Any child must be capable of arriving home within 20 minutes of the end of the school day. Journeys over 20 minutes are not considered appropriate for children at this stage.
- The school reserves the right to refuse permission for a child to walk home alone depending on the distance and concerns the school may have at that time.

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Ready for Secondary School

- This year our focus is to prepare your child for the transition to Secondary School.
- We aim to ensure that they have the skills and confidence in order to be successful in taking their next steps in their education.

Transition to Secondary School

Key Dates



From noon 18 May 2026 to noon 26 June 2026	Online registration period for Grammar Entrance Test
3 September 2026	Online application facility opens
12 September 2026	Grammar School Entrance Test Day
Prior 31 October 2026	Grammar School Test results sent out
Midnight, 31 October 2026	Closing date for applications ☐
TBC	Late Grammar School Entrance Test Day
1 March 2027	Allocation Day & parents/carers will receive the results of the late grammar school entrance test from the grammar schools directly
Midnight, 15 March 2027	Closing date for acceptances/declines and waiting list requests
By 5 April 2027	Outcome of waiting list requests sent out
9 April 2027	Closing date for waiting list round responses
May to July 2027	Appeals

[Secondary School and Academy Admissions](#)

Ready for Secondary School

- Please visit the individual school websites for details of Open Days. Most visits are during the evening.
- Churchdown Academy Open Evening Wednesday 23rd September 5-8pm and Open Days 24th onwards
- Chosen Hill Thursday Open Evening 17th September 6-8pm
Open Days Wednesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th and Friday 25th September 2026 9.15am to 10.15am
- Please check for Grammar Schools and other schools.
- Closing date for applications is midnight 31st October 2026



Ready for Secondary School

- Contact individual schools for arranging visits for open days and evening.
- If you arranging visits to Secondary Schools during the school day, please inform the School Office in advance and complete a request for Absence form. You may also inform us via Dojo, but please ensure the School Office has been contacted. You may also email the school office.

Curriculum

 Year 6 Annual overview	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Title	Through the eyes of a child What was <u>life like</u> for children in WW2?		From Sea to Sky "How does the environment influence how living things survive and change over time?"		Survive, succeed and achieve "How did the struggle for power between the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings change England?"	
Texts	When the Sky Falls- Reading The Lion and the Unicorn	Shakespeare- plays Flotsam –David Weisner	October, October- Reading A River- Marc Martin The Rhythm of the Rain- Grahame Baker-Smith	Where the World Turns Wild- Reading Moth -Isabel Thomas	Anglo-Saxon Boy- Reading Beowulf	The Final Year-Matt Goodfellow
Writing focus	Formal and informal letter writing Narrative	Biography- Shakespeare Narrative- playscript	News report- Mary Anning/ Jane Goodall Explanation text- water cycle	Poems Persuasive speech- Greta Thunberg	Non-chronological report- Anglo-Saxon life	News report- Vikings attack Lindisfarne
Maths	Number and Place Value Decimals Multiplication and Division Geometry: Position and direction	Fractions, Decimals and Percentages Geometry: Properties of shapes (angles) Geometry: Properties of shapes	Fractions: calculating Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division	Ratio and Proportion Measuring: Converting units Measurement: Area and Volume	Algebra Statistics Targeted revision for SATs	Fractions, Decimals and Percentages: secure Algebra: secure Ratio and Proportion: secure
Science	Light Animals see light sources when light travels from the source into their eyes. Animals see objects when light is reflected off that object and enters their eyes. Light reflects off all objects (unless they are black). Non shiny surfaces scatter the light, so we do not see the beam. Light travels in straight lines. Exploring how light travels How we see	Electricity Batteries are a store of energy. This energy pushes electricity round the circuit. When the battery's energy is gone it stops pushing. Voltage measures the 'push.' The greater the current flowing through a device the harder it works. Current is how much electricity is flowing round a circuit. When current flows through wires heat is released. The greater the	Living things and their habitats (classification) Exploring how animals and plants are classified Classifications of micro-organisms, plants and animals giving reasons based on specific characteristics	Evolution and inheritance Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution- Biography Theory of natural selection. Exploring how animals adapt over time and how they inherit characteristics from their parents.	Animals including humans (circulatory system) Parts of the human circulatory system, functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood Impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their <u>bodies</u> function Nutrients and water are transported within animals	

SATs

- Part of the preparation for Secondary School involves SATs. These are a range of tests and tasks for assessment in Year 6.
- They are largely used as a judgement of how well schools are performing.
- They are a useful diagnostic tool to let KS3 know what parts of the Maths and English curriculum children are ready to access.

SATS

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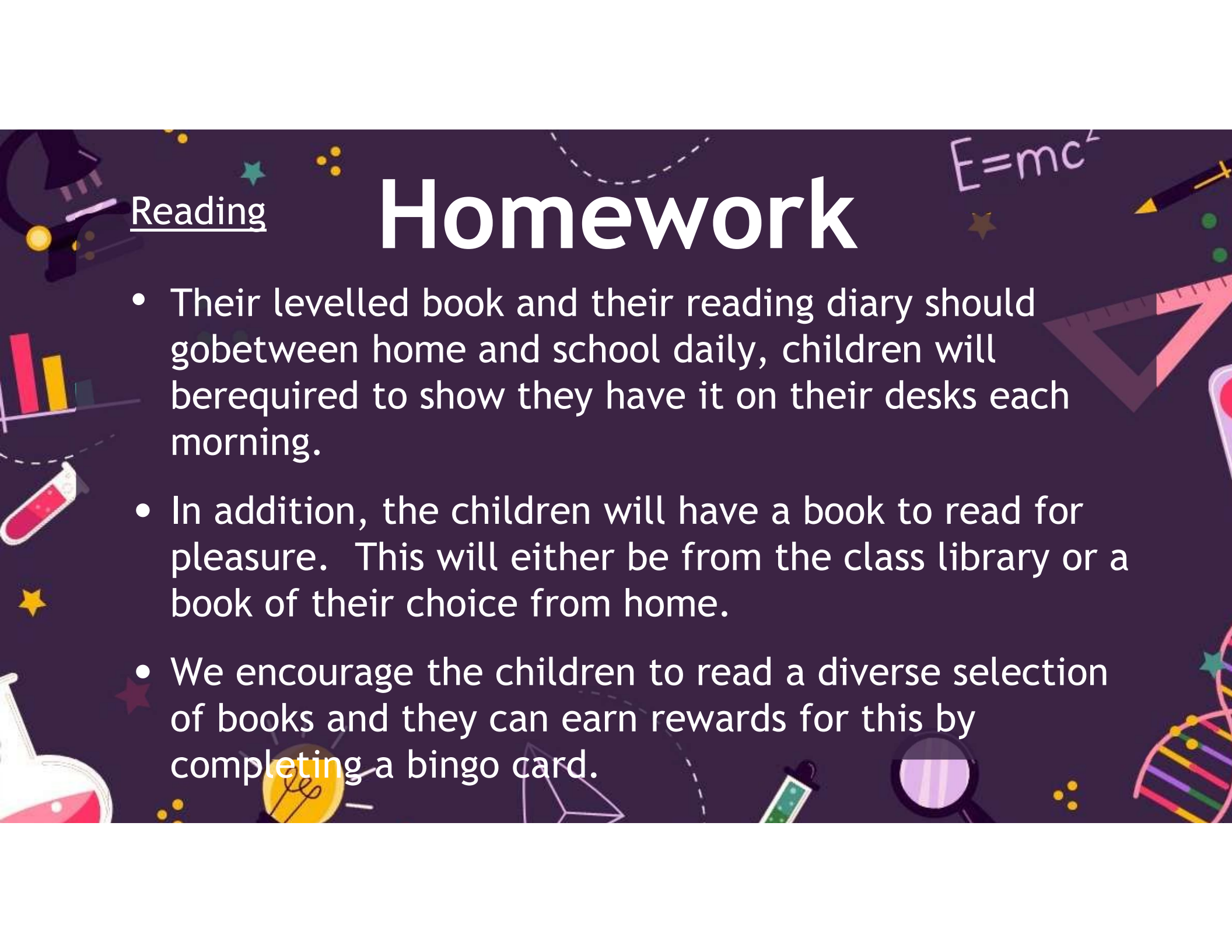
- The Government has allocated this year's SATs to take place from Monday 10th May to Thursday 13th May 2027.
- During the course of the year, we prepare the children for these so that they know what to expect.
- We will do some sets of SATS papers throughout the year and some specific teaching in class. Please be reassured that we are careful to keep a balance between Year 6 curriculum work and good preparation of the SATS so the children feel they can do their best.

Reading

Homework

$$E=mc^2$$

- We encourage all children to read regularly at home. This should be a minimum of 3 times a week.
- All children will have a levelled reading book, for which they will earn certificates.
- Certificates will be awarded for the number of reading sessions completed: 10, 25, 50, 75. At 100 they will earn a badge. Certificates continue and further badges awarded every 100 reads.
- The length of reading session will be differentiated for your child.

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Reading

Homework

- Their levelled book and their reading diary should go between home and school daily, children will be required to show they have it on their desks each morning.
- In addition, the children will have a book to read for pleasure. This will either be from the class library or a book of their choice from home.
- We encourage the children to read a diverse selection of books and they can earn rewards for this by completing a bingo card.

Times Tables

Homework

- The National Curriculum states that children should know times tables facts by the end of Year 4.
- Through the use of Times Tables Rockstars, we encourage children to practise and learn multiplication and division facts on a regular basis.
- New Maths Cards coming soon, these replace the multiplication, division and shape cards etc.



Homework

Weekly

Reading- Level reading to be completed in their Reading Diary x3

Reading for Pleasure - ongoing (Recorded in Diary)

Spellings - a weekly activity on a sheet or learning target words.

★ SPaG and Maths to reinforce work in class. There will be one short task a week. We will provide paper copies of SPaG homework activities. Maths will be online. They will be marked with the children in class as this is the most effective way to support.

Online/Maths Homework



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✓ Connected

Switch to Independent Study

Connect as Pupil



Connect



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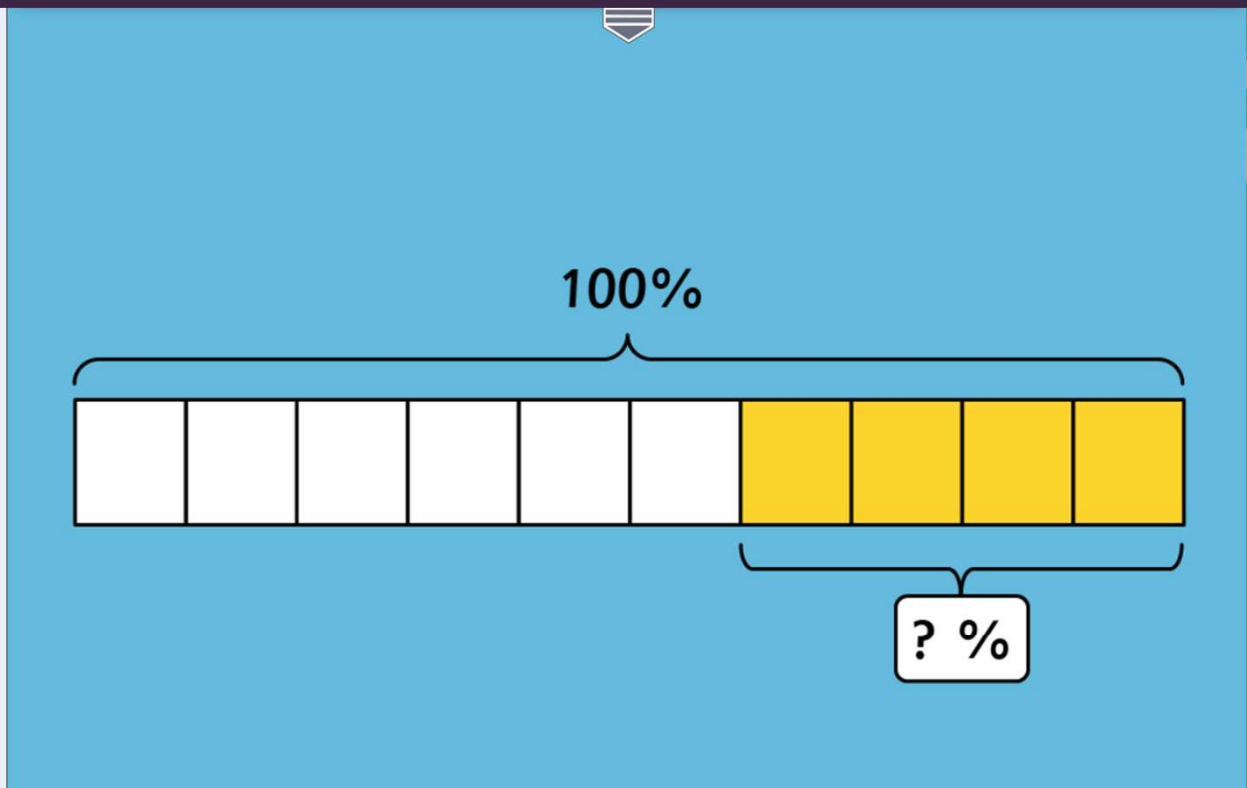
← Question 13

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Answer →

Color palette and drawing tools:

- Color palette: 20 colored dots (red, yellow, green, cyan, blue, magenta, grey, black) and 4 white dots.
- Tools: Eraser, Pencil, Text (T), Line, and Delete (trash icon).



PE

- PE - Thursday (indoors) and Friday (outdoors- a change of shoes/ trainers is essential)
- In addition to this, the children will take part in cross country running and Forest School sessions.
- Please make sure your child has the correct kit (with house t shirt) in school for each session. They need kit in school each day, but may take it home to be washed over the weekend.

PE Kit

- PE T-shirt in House Team colours
- Black shorts
- Trainers

In colder weather:

- Black joggers or leggings
- A school jumper or fleece.

★ Healthy Snacks $E=mc^2$

- Vegetable sticks
- A piece of cheddar cheese or babybell
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit, high in soluble fibre and vitamins would also be a great snack– pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.
- ★ No chocolate, sweets or crisps.
- Water bottles daily please

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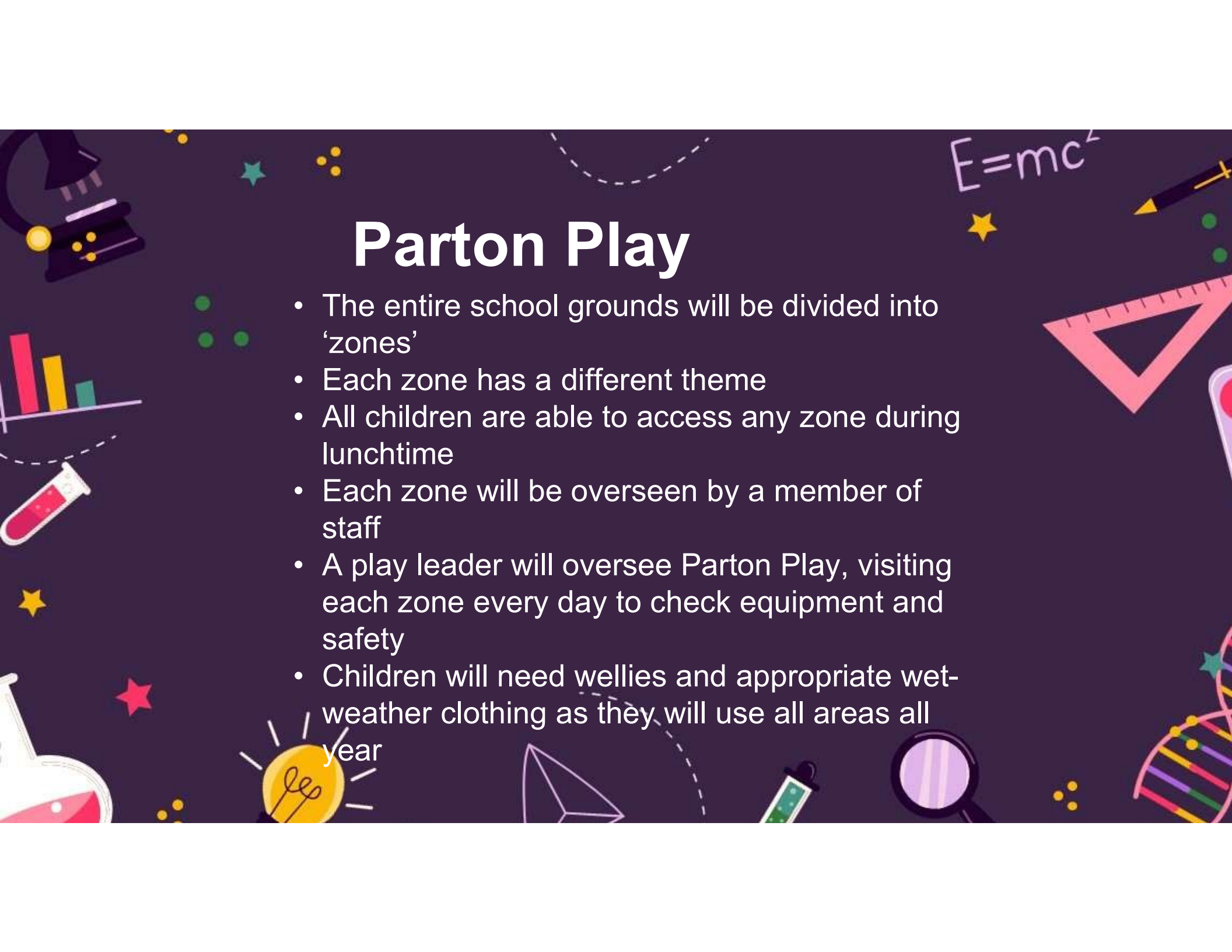
Forest School Kit

Forest School dates for this term are:

Isbourne: 8.9.26 , 29.9.26 ,

Evenlode: 15.9.26 , 20.10.26

These sessions will all be in the morning, so children can come to school wearing their Forest School kit and bring their school uniform to change into for the afternoon.

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Parton Play

- The entire school grounds will be divided into 'zones'
- Each zone has a different theme
- All children are able to access any zone during lunchtime
- Each zone will be overseen by a member of staff
- A play leader will oversee Parton Play, visiting each zone every day to check equipment and safety
- Children will need wellies and appropriate wet-weather clothing as they will use all areas all year

Year 6 Residential

- This will be held at Grittleton House in Wiltshire,
- Dates 16th, 17th, 18th June 2027
- The children will have the opportunity to take part in range of activities, for example body zorbing, archery, skateboards, Jacob's Ladder, Crate stacking challenge, low ropes course, Cart building, and lots more!
- There will be an Information Meeting next year prior to the residential. Please message your class teacher if you have any questions before.



Clubs and other dates

- After school clubs will be resuming this term.
- A letter will be sent out shortly detailing what clubs are available this term.
- Maths club is held in the Spring Term for Year 6 and we would really encourage all children to attend.
- Productions end of Autumn Term (December)

Any questions?

- Please contact your child's teacher via Class Dojo.
Thank you!

