



Explorers Cake and Curriculum

Tuesday 16th September 2025

Classes

- ▶ Three classes - all three are mixed year 5 and 6
 - ▶ Beagle (Beth)
 - ▶ Endurance (Andy)
 - ▶ Endeavour (Menna)
- ▶ Additional staff
 - ▶ Joanna - Monday - Wednesday running small group teaching for Year 6
 - ▶ Kin - Maths specialist, 1:1 and small group maths teaching in the mornings and swimming coach on Monday
 - ▶ Sabia - 1:1 reading interventions based in Beagle
 - ▶ Ana - EAL specialist based in Beagle

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Curriculum

2 year rolling cycle so children cover the national curriculum over the two years.
Wider curriculum is taught in the afternoons.

PE is taught by year group

- ▶ Year 5 - swimming every Monday
- ▶ Year 6 - sports coaches on Mondays
- ▶ Endeavour and Endurance Year 6s - skateboarding on Wednesdays (until Christmas)
- ▶ Beagle class - sports coaches on Thursdays

Home Learning

- ▶ White Rose Maths - this task is set each week, in class and sent out on the reflect and review for each class. These will be marked as a class, and therefore the books must be back in school by Wednesday.
- ▶ Sumdog
- ▶ Reading - All children need to be reading each day for 15-20 minutes.
 - ▶ This can be using their school levelled book, a book from home/public library, comics, magazines.
 - ▶ Endurance and Endeavour will be using Reading Plus - logins will be sent out in the coming weeks.
- ▶ Topic grid (optional) - on the website and copies have been sent home
- ▶ Nelson grammar task sheets to revisit grammar taught in class
- ▶ KS2 Spelling books with a weekly focus. Awaiting delivery.

SATs

- ▶ Compulsory Standardised Assessment Tests set by the government.
- ▶ Held in May each year for year 6.
- ▶ This year they are being held during the week beginning 11th May 2026.
- ▶ They assess the learning from throughout KS2 (year 3, 4, 5 and 6).

- ▶ GPS/SPaG
- ▶ Reading
- ▶ Maths

- ▶ Writing and Science are teacher assessed. We are moderated in Writing every few years to make sure that our standards are in line with the rest of the country. We were last moderated in KS2 in 2022.

GPS - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (often called SPAG)

- ▶ 2 papers - normally on the Monday.
- ▶ Paper 1 is 40 minutes and has a range of grammar, punctuation and spelling questions, checking knowledge of spelling rules, tenses, use of punctuation, sentence and clause types etc.
- ▶ Paper 2 is a spelling test, containing 20 spellings that could be from the year 3/4 or year 5/6 spelling lists, or be words that follow the spelling rules covered in KS2.

- ▶ We have specific spelling lessons each week, and a spelling test based on the spelling words.
- ▶ The grammar and punctuation comes through in all of our English lessons, with dedicated focus sessions where required.
- ▶ In addition to this please support your child with regular practising of the year 3/4 and 5/6 spelling words, which can be found on the learn platform.

Reading

- ▶ 1 paper, 60 minutes long - normally on the Tuesday.
- ▶ 3 texts, each with their own set of questions.
- ▶ The texts are a mixture of genres, one will be a narrative piece, one will be a non-fiction piece, and the third could be a poem, alternative non-fiction or a different genre within the narrative.

- ▶ We are working on specific comprehension skills in streamed groups twice a week, with book talk being our focus in reading on the other 2 days.
- ▶ At home, please support your child to be reading every day, asking questions about what they have read regularly. These questions should be about the plot, the characters, specific events, reasons why they think the author has chosen to use the language they have etc.
- ▶ Children should be reading a range of narratives (stories), non-fiction and poetry.
- ▶ Reading plus has questions linked to each text, which are to be completed daily.

Maths

- ▶ 3 papers spread over 2 days - paper 1 and 2 normally on Wednesday, paper 3 normally on Thursday.
- ▶ Paper 1 - mental arithmetic - 30 minutes, 36 questions.
- ▶ Papers 2 and 3 - reasoning, 40 minutes each.
- ▶ We have maths every day, focusing on specific areas which are followed up with the White Rose Maths homework books.
- ▶ We complete fluency as part of our maths lesson and during the day - these are set out in SATs style questions to familiarise children.
- ▶ Please support your child with their White Rose Maths homework each week. There are 3 pages to each unit.
- ▶ Sumdog supports the children's mental maths and allows them to keep using knowledge from other areas of maths than that week's focus. Children should complete 60 minutes per week.

How we run SATs week

- ▶ The tests take place in classrooms, with the children spread out, and displays covered. This way they are in their familiar space, with their own teacher wherever possible. Children who are eligible for extra time, or require brain breaks during the tests, will sit the tests in other rooms around the school.
- ▶ We will be applying for additional time or support for those who need it before the end of the Autumn term. For some children this will allow an extra 25% of time, for others this will allow them to have a scribe. Those with an EHCP are automatically eligible.
- ▶ All children can have questions from the maths and GPS papers read to them.
- ▶ If your child's first language is not English, they are entitled to a translator for Maths and GPS, if one is available. If you speak another language and would be happy to translate (but are not related to the child), please let us know!
- ▶ Year 6 Mock SATs week next week using real papers so the children know what to expect.

Further support

- ▶ During assessment weeks throughout the year we will be using past papers and completing these in the way that SATs will be conducted wherever possible, so that the children are used to the style and set up.
- ▶ We will send these papers home to you each time, once marked and analysed, to let you know how your child is getting on and the types of questions that they are able to answer and those they are struggling on.
- ▶ If you would like to purchase any other books to support your child, CGP are the publisher that we recommend.

Any questions?

The background features a series of overlapping, semi-transparent triangles in various shades of orange, from light peach to deep, dark brown. The triangles are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement, primarily concentrated on the right side of the frame. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.