

YEAR TRANSITIONS · GRADES 5–6

Moving Up to Year 6

Your last year in primary school

A big year ahead

Year 6 / Grade 6 is your last year in primary school. It's a year of being the oldest, taking on leadership roles, doing important assessments (SATs in England), and starting to think about secondary or middle school. Lots of children find Year 6 their favourite year — but it works best if you go in feeling ready.

What Year 6 will ask of you

<p>Pace and stamina</p> <p>More work, longer tasks, less time to chat. Build your focus over the summer — try working for 20 minutes without stopping, then 30.</p>	<p>Leadership roles</p> <p>Year 6s often run buddies, sports teams, school council, helping at events. Start thinking now about which roles interest you.</p>
<p>Bigger thinking</p> <p>Less 'remember the fact', more 'use the fact to solve a problem you haven't seen before'. Reasoning is the Year 6 skill.</p>	<p>Looking ahead</p> <p>Secondary or middle school is on the horizon. Year 6 is when you start finding out about it, visiting, choosing. It's a year of two transitions, not one.</p>

Building summer habits for Year 6

Habit	Why it helps	How long per day
Reading a chapter book	Builds stamina and vocabulary	20 minutes
Times tables practice	Speed matters in Year 6 maths	5 minutes
Writing in a journal	Builds writing fluency	10 minutes



Habit	Why it helps	How long per day
Mental arithmetic	Year 6 expects fast number facts	5 minutes
Talking about the news	Builds general knowledge	10 minutes

A leadership role I'd like to take on

Year 6 has lots of roles — sports captain, head of school council, library helper, peer mediator, reading buddy. Which one interests you, and why?

What I want to be true at the end of Year 6

Picture yourself on the last day of primary school. What do you want to have achieved? What do you want to be known for? Write three things.

