

NATIONAL STANDARDS BY THE END OF YEAR 6		
	THE NATIONAL STANDARD	TO MEET THE STANDARD YOUR CHILD WILL INDEPENDENTLY:
READING	<p>By the end of Year 6, students will read, respond to, and think critically about texts in order to meet the reading demands of the NZ Curriculum at level 3.</p> <p><i>Students will locate, evaluate, and bring together information and ideas within and across a small range of texts appropriate to this level as they generate and answer questions to meet specific learning purposes across the curriculum.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read non fiction books, chapter books, magazines, and information on the computer. - read a variety of texts in all areas of the curriculum. - read longer texts more quickly, and read for longer periods of time. - find information and ideas easily in the story, as well as information that is more hidden – using clues in the text and what they already know. - work out words they don't know the meaning of by using clues in the text or pictures and diagrams. - quickly find important ideas and information by 'skimming' and 'scanning' (e.g., using sub-headings, keywords, or first sentences in paragraphs). - know they sometimes need to read from several sources of information (books, magazines, the Internet) to get all the information they need for their work. - express an opinion about the text they are reading.
WRITING	<p>By the end of Year 6, students will create texts in order to meet the writing demands of the NZ Curriculum at level 3.</p> <p><i>Students will use their writing to think about, record, and communicate experiences, ideas, and information to meet specific learning purposes across the curriculum.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - choose the type of writing to suit the audience. - plan what they will write in different ways. - organise their writing logically using paragraphs as well as other features like headings, sub-headings, diagrams, pictures and captions. - choose words carefully to suit the topic or purpose and to make people want to read their writing. - use a variety of sentence structures, that vary in beginnings, length and are grammatically correct. - organise related ideas into paragraphs. - check their writing to make sure it makes sense. - spell most words correctly and use appropriate punctuation. - revise and edit their writing to clarify its meaning and add impact or interest. - proof read to check spelling, grammar, and punctuation using appropriate computer based and print tools.

MATHEMATICS	<p>By the end of Year 6, students will be achieving at Level 3 of the NZ Curriculum, solving realistic problems using their growing understanding of number, algebra, geometry, measurement and statistics.</p> <p><i>They will be solving problems involving several steps and which require them to choose the most appropriate method for the problem. They will be learning a range of approaches to solve problems and will be able to make general statements about numbers and patterns.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - solve problems (using +, -, x, ÷) that require them to choose the best method. - use repeated halving or known multiplication facts to solve problems involving fractions. - find the value of a given number in a pattern. - sort, create and identify 2D and 3D shapes. - measure time and find the area and volume of objects. - use grid references on maps and points of the compass to give directions. - draw objects from different view points. - explain results of investigations by identifying patterns. - experiment to work out the likelihood of an event happening. <p><i>This is a small part of the skills and knowledge your child is learning in order to meet this standard. Talk to your teacher to find out more information about your child's learning.</i></p>
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More information and ideas for helping your child at home can be found at the following links:

http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/National-Standards/Supporting-parents-and-whanau/Resources#snapshot_pdfs

<http://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-at-school/what-reading-writing-and-maths-skills-is-my-child-learning/>

<http://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-at-school/national-standards-and-nga-whanaketanga-rumaki/>

www.stellamaris.school.nz then click on the "News & Information" tab.