

# Year 6 Class Newsletter

## Autumn 1



Welcome to Year 6!

We are very excited to begin this last year of the children's Primary journey with them!

In Year 6 we have Mrs McCrea, Ms Green and Mrs Ahmed. We are all here to do the very best we can for your children so please do not hesitate to see us if you have any questions.

In this newsletter you will find information about the various topics and activities your child will be studying during this half term. Music and PE lessons are provided by Bolton Music Service and Key PE sports.

We have high expectations of all our children and expect them to try their best at all times and as such, we are always here to help them when they need it. We do expect children to read 4 times a week and write a comment in their reading records, including a Year 6 standard comment at least once a week (see reading records for more information). They have also received a homework book each that we will use to send home homework challenges, spellings and any other activities.

### This term we will be learning:

- English – Nonsense Poetry, Historical Narratives and Explanation Texts
  - Maths- Place Value and the 4 Operations
  - Science – Evolution
  - History – Ancient Islamic Civilisation
  - RE – Creation and Science
- Art – learning about the life and art of Britta Marakatt-Labka
  - Computing – Digital Citizenship (online safety)
  - PSHE – Foundations for Wellbeing
- PE – ABC : Agility, Balance and Co-ordination
  - French – Le Weekend
  - Music - Night Ferry  
Ode to Joy v Sadness

### English

In Year 6, children will be looking at different types of texts to build on their reading comprehension and looking at how to use this information to support their writing. To begin, we will have some fun with vocabulary, writing nonsense poetry and then we will use our history work to write a story set in Ancient Baghdad.

### Reading

We have guided reading sessions in class a minimum of 3 times a week. All children have a home-reading book and we expect children to read a minimum of 4 times a week and make relevant comments about what they have read and their reading choices. Year 6 will focus on essential reading skills, including inference, retrieval and understanding of unfamiliar vocabulary.

### Maths

In Maths this half-term, we will be working on place value and solving a range of problems using all four operations. Our maths is underpinned by our knowledge of times tables, so please encourage your child to practise these regularly.

### Physical development

This half term, we will be having our PE lessons on Tuesdays, developing our physical skills. Further information about our upcoming swimming lessons will be sent home shortly.  
Please bring in the correct kit. No earrings to be worn on PE days.

### English Targets- as a class our targets this half term are:

- Use model texts to help structure independent writing.
- Use different grammatical skills and features to make our work coherent and suitable for purpose.
  - To use dialogue to convey character and move on action.
  - Follow spelling rules to edit our own work.
- To use a range of writing skills to write a range of texts for different purposes.

### Maths Targets- as a class our targets this half term are:

- Show working out.
- Follow the strategies that we are taught.
- Continue to practise times tables.

### Homework

**Your child's homework project must be completed by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

Core Task: create a fact file about Mary Anning. Remember to write it on your own words, not just copied from the internet!

Do: create a timeline that shows how scientists think humans have evolved through time.

Research: a Caliph from Ancient Baghdad. What were the main discoveries or achievements during their time in power?

Make: a shoe box or any small box scene showing a scene from Ancient Baghdad.

Design: a menu featuring foods that may have been eaten in Ancient Baghdad.

Due in – Friday 16th October 2026

Keep practising your times tables, do your reading and complete your spellings each week!

### **\*\*REMEMBER\*\***

To read at home 4 times each week and answer any questions that you are given in your reading record (write a detailed comment about what you've read, date and sign your home school reading record).

Please make sure you use TTRS at home too 😊