



# Year 6 News



**Spring 1**

## A message from your teacher

We hope you've had a fantastic Christmas break. We are very proud of all you achieved in the Autumn term and your brilliant performances in the Remembrance worship and Christmas play. This term will see the children step up a gear in the preparation for SATs in May. We will be working hard but still having fun! Our topic for this half term will be the Geography of our local area and the Industrial Revolution!

### Staff

Mr Lowe

Mrs Bills

### Reminders

Everyday at your desk, you will need:

Planner  
Water bottle  
Reading book

### Birthdays

**January:**

**February:**

Archie  
Toby  
Elijah

### Homework

In Year 6 we set 2 pieces of homework each week - mainly English and Maths. There will also be optional online homework set.

Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and must be handed back in on a **Wednesday**. The children may also be given guided reading homework which is always due back for the following Monday.

### PE

In Year 6 our PE lessons will be on Wednesday and swimming will be on a Thursday. Please remember to take out earrings and remember to bring PE kits. As the weather gets colder please make sure an outdoor PE kit is in school too.

## Dates to remember

Parents' evening—14th-15th January  
Bikeability Group 1—22nd-23rd January  
Factory visit for non-bikeability children—22nd January  
Bikeability Group 29th—30th January  
Praise and break up—14th February

## English

This half term we will be looking at balanced arguments for our non-fiction unit and Macbeth for our fiction unit. We will cover these objectives during these:

- Integrating purposeful dialogue to convey character.
- Use a range of punctuation including semi-colons and commas for clarity

## Maths

In our maths lessons this half term we will be focusing on these targets:

- Identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Ratio and proportion
- Solving calculations with BIDMAS
- Working with fractions in various ways

## Science

Our science topic for this half term will be living things and their habitats! The children will learn how to classify organisms in a range of ways and use a key to assist them. They will then look at microorganisms in our everyday lives and have a wonderful lesson on mould!

## RE

This term we will be exploring the unit Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?. In our learning, we will first look at the events of creation found in Genesis. We will also look at the theories of cosmology and evolution and use these lessons to help give our own opinion on creation, using different accounts and evidence to justify our opinion.

## PE

This term, our Wednesday lesson will be focussed on dance and will culminate in the children devising their own group sequences. On Thursday, we will be developing our swimming skills further and working towards swimming 25m in a range of different strokes.

## Topic

Our topic this half term is the industrial revolution. This is a fascinating topic where the children will analyse a time in history where many changes occurred. They will take a look at the different inventions that were created in this time and then examine what the conditions that people lived and worked in. They will then use a range of sources to help them!

## Computing

During this half term the children will look at spreadsheets and use them to help solve different problems. The children will learn to use a formula wizard and functions to work out different prices of items on a sale and they will also learn how they can use a spreadsheet to plan an event!

## Music

The children will complete the unit Creative Composition. The children will discuss the similarities and differences between the difference songs from the 60's/70's and then work on learning to play along with them. The unit will culminate with the children learning the lyrics and performing it back as a group in unison.

## Art

This half term our art work will be focussing on the unit 'Who am I? A study of self portraits'. The children will begin the unit by looking at mark making techniques found in self-portraits and will then use lines and colour to convey mood. They will finally finish their piece to create an image that reflects their identity.

## French

This half term we will be developing our knowledge of vocabulary used at school. The children will learn vocabulary to describe the equipment they use at school and how to describe the equipment they have and also require. Within our French, we will use games and songs to help us become fluent with this and apply our knowledge to writing tasks.