

# Year 6 Class Newsletter

## Spring Term 1: Mon 4 Jan - Fri 12 Feb

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to all of our wonderful Year 6's and their families. We hope everyone has had a restful and well deserved Christmas break full of festive cheer. Thank you for everyone's support and patience this week: it is not the start of the year we had envisioned, but we hope we can make it as engaging and supportive as possible, so everyone enjoys an enriching learning experience.

**Routines:** Our new timetable is available here and will be updated on the VLE regularly. Each day will include maths and English lessons with support available live on teams and then non-core lessons will be taught through video links in the afternoon. Please share work by emailing it to the year6@baildonce.co.uk email address, through MS Teams or the VLE and we will provide feedback for each child on a weekly basis.

**PE:** This will be on Fridays at home and on Thursdays in school, so children of key workers in school will need to bring their kits on this day. We are going to be teaching volleyball for this unit with video demonstrations that can be practised at home either in the garden using a ball, or the home using a balloon.

| The Church School  |   | Baildon CE Primary School           |                                     |   |                                     |  |
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| Week Beginning     |   | 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021       |                                     |   |                                     |  |
| Year 1             | Monday                                      | Tuesday                             | Wednesday                           | Thursday  | Friday                              |  |
| 9.00am to 9.30am   | Check in Time<br>Collective Worship         | Check in Time<br>Collective Worship | Check in Time<br>Collective Worship | Check in Time<br>Collective Worship                   | Check in Time<br>Collective Worship |  |
| 9.30am to 10.30am  | English                                     | English                             | English                             | English   | English                             |  |
| 11.00am to 12.00pm | Maths                                       | Maths                               | Maths                               | Maths   | Maths                               |  |
| 1.00pm to 1.15pm   | Individual and one to one reading           | Individual and one to one reading   | Individual and one to one reading   | Individual and one to one reading                     | Individual and one to one reading   |  |
| 1.15pm to 2.45pm   | The Arts<br>Including Music, Art and French | Science                             | Creative Curriculum                 | Home Learning – RE and PSHE<br>In school – PE and ICT | Home Learning – PE and ICT          |  |
| 2.45pm to 3.00pm   | Story Time                                  | Story Time                          | Story Time                          | Story Time  | In school – RE and PSHE             |  |

**Creative Curriculum:** Year Six will be asking 'What Can We Do To Save Our Planet?' as part of a geography topic exploring humanity's impact upon the Earth. This will include exploring climate change and its causes alongside the effect it is having upon world biomes, and weather patterns as well as investigating the global distribution of resources with pupils recording their work in their scrapbooks in an exciting and engaging manner of their choice.

**English:** Each week, we will focus on a different story or short film as a writing and reading stimulus. During the week, we will practise a variety of key English skills, building up to a piece of writing. Mr VDG and Miss Brace are both recording themselves reading their class stories (the Chronicles of Narnia) and sharing those on the VLE every school day. It would be great if our pupils continued developing their love of reading through exploring a variety of books at home during lockdown and we are in the process of securing digital copies of a wide variety of books for children to access at home. Also, we would recommend continuing to use Spelling Frame each week as a means of developing a key life skill and will set a weekly spelling pattern to practise with links on the VLE English page.

**Maths:** Pupils will continue covering the Year 6 curriculum so that all children have been taught the full range of their age-related maths expectations. Online lessons will include a daily starter recapping previously taught calculations and concepts; a video lesson with differentiated activities; and a daily counting challenge. We also recommend pupils play maths games using <https://mathsframe.co.uk/> as a means of consolidating their understanding in a fun way.

**Science:** Our new topic this term is 'Light' - recognising that light appears to travel in straight lines, explaining that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye and explaining why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

**R.E.:** We will be asking the big question 'What does it mean for Muslims to follow God?' Children will be exploring Islamic beliefs about God, the Prophet and the Holy Qur'an, describing ways in which the Five Pillars of Islam guide worship and Muslim living.

**Computing:** We will be exploring coding using Purple Mash to create our own games alongside continuing developing pupils' ability to represent their learning using a variety of programmes and tools.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us using the VLE or school email address. Take care and stay safe.

Miss Brace and Mr Van der Gucht