

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience, support and creativity during the past half term. The volume, variety and inventiveness of the work we have received has been incredible and is a testament to all of our pupils and families. We are all greatly looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on the 8th of March and have planned an engaging, exciting and creative few weeks of learning.

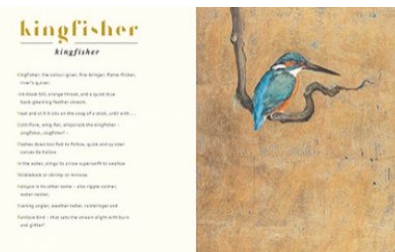
Routines: For the first two weeks, we will continue following the same timetable for home-learners and in school. Please share work by emailing it to the year6@baildonce.co.uk email address, through MS Teams or the VLE.

World Book Week: To celebrate World Book week, we have a thoroughly engaging timetable of activities including live sessions with genuine authors Matt Brown, Michael Rosen, Penny Chimes, Helen Rutter and more. We will be enjoying book themed mathematical problem solving, competitions and an art challenge linking to our Geography Topic on pollution with pupils recycling card and plastic packaging to create a sculpture linked to their favourite books. Pupils can use selotape for this task, but if you are able to get hold of some masking tape, we found it worked better.

PE: Until the 8th of March, PE will be on Fridays for home-learners and Thursdays for children of key-workers in school and have planned to complete some exciting sporting challenges set by Mr Gomersall. When school reopens, PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays and we are going to complete our Volleyball unit alongside creating class well-being dance routines inspired by Mrs Adams to The Weekend by Blinding Lights.

Creative Curriculum: We will conclude our "What can we do to save the planet?" geography topic including creating our own mini "fatbergs" whilst investigating water pollution.

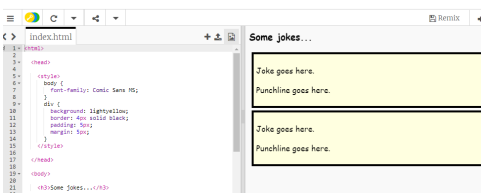
English: Following World Book Week where we will be writing inspired by Wild World Heroes and Hoglets Theatre, we are going to explore poetry including composing group performances to "Homework, Oh Homework—I hate you; you stink!" before exploring the beautiful visual poetry of Robert McFarlane by mixing art work with language for a stunning effect. Then, investigating the cautionary poetry of Hilaire Beloc and writing our own amusing modern interpretations.



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 and are fully prepared for secondary school. From the 8th of March, children will return to the two sets we had before Christmas. Miss Brace and Mr Van der Gucht will focus on shape, space and measure as an engaging and accessible first topic whilst exploring, revisiting and consolidating areas of maths already covered in order to address any gaps pupils may have following lockdown during our daily spirals and problem solving challenges.

Science: We will be learning about evolution and inheritance, recognising that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. We will discover how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways, knowing that adaptation may lead to evolution.

R.E.: During the last week of the half term, we will be exploring Holy Week in a variety of creative manners including art, drama and recording Vlogs from the perspective of individuals alive at the time of Jesus. We will also be making connections between the Christian concept of the resurrection and what Christians believe about hope and life after death.



Computing: We will be learning about coding using HTML, creating our own webpages including an interactive joke page.

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.

