

Y6

Classroom News

Avondale
Primary School



Spring 1

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and managed to relax with your families. Thank you for the gifts that were sent in to school for Christmas – they were very thoughtful and much appreciated. It is great to see all the children back after the break and hope that the children are ready for what is a busy term in Year 6.

Dates for your Diary

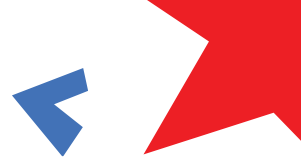
- Wednesday 15th January – 6J Class Assembly
- Wednesday 12th February – 6C Class Assembly
- Thursday 13th February – Parents' Evening (1:30pm finish)
- Friday 14th February – School Closes for half term at 3.15pm
- SATs Meeting 3:15pm – Thursday 6th March

Friendly Reminders

- For this half term P.E days for all of year 6 will be on a Monday with Blackburn Rovers and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school. This should stay in school until half term.
- Please remember to sign your child's reading book at the end of the week before they bring it in to school. They can change their book as soon as they have completed it. Please encourage your child to read 5 times a week minimum. Reading diaries will be checked every Monday.
- Homework this half term will be completed in 10 minute Test Books, which will be sent home next week. There will be a Reading, Maths and Grammar one to complete each week. Spellings will continue to be on Spelling Shed.



What we are studying



Maths

During our Maths lessons we will be learning about measures, decimals, percentages, ratio and algebra. Any practise that the children can get at home with fraction, decimal and percentage equivalences really will help them in class. We will also be securing our tables knowledge. Rapid recall of times tables facts is really important and TT Rockstars is useful to help improve this. We will be continuing to work on arithmetic practice with a weekly test in class. Maths homework will be set weekly using MathShed which can be accessed from the school website or Google Classroom.



English

In English we will be exploring a range of genres. To start with, we are going to be focusing upon newspaper reports and the techniques that are used in them. Our second Genre of the half term will be poetry where we will look at art figurative and expressive language. We will also be spending some time 'fine-tuning' our writing ensuring that it contains all the features of a year 6 writer to ensure that our work makes sense, includes higher level punctuation, ambitious vocabulary and high-level sentence structures. A year 6 writer should also be correctly forming and joining their letters- any opportunity to practise this would be beneficial. This is especially important in the Grammar SATs test as children can often drop marks if their letters are ambiguous.



Reading

Reading is still a huge focus across school but especially in Year 6. In order to prepare the children for their SATs and life at high school, it is important that the children have good reading stamina, speed and accuracy. The only way to improve on this is to read regularly, ideally every day. Thank you for your continuing support with this-it really does make a difference.

SATs Week

SATs week will take place week beginning 12th May. More information will follow about SATs and the preparations that we make in school for them.

Other Subjects

Our overall topic for this term is World War II. Within this, we study the origins of the war and significant events within it including the Blitz, rationing and evacuation. We try to link as much of our learning to the topic and use our class novel to help us do this. We will be reading *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll. Much of our Geography work this term is linked to World War II as we look at the Axis and Allies and locate these countries on a map. We also look at which cities were affected most by the Blitz and where many children were evacuated to. In Science our topic will be Animals and their Habitats. In Computing, we are exploring Coding this half term-a popular unit of work with the children. Our PSHE work will be based on Dreams and Goals.