

Year 6 Newsletter
Summer 2
2024

As our final half term in Year 6 begins, we would like to thank you for all the support you have given the children and us this year. The year has flown by, and we are so proud of the children for showing such determination and resilience when faced with the range of challenges that the last half term presented. With the SATs behind us, we can focus on getting the children ready for high school and celebrating their achievements at Pudsey Bolton Royd.

English

We will begin the half term by using 'The Harmonica' (a story set in WW2 about a boy who is taken to a concentration camp) as a stimulus for our writing. Following this, we will use our class novel, 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman, as the basis of our writing. The children will be writing the final page for the story, focusing on using key writing skills such as integrating purposeful dialogue and description.

As the children prepare for their end of year performance, we will be studying play scripts in order to understand their structure and purpose and developing our drama skills, including projecting our voices and conveying emotion through our expressions.

Maths

Much of the Maths taught this half term will be through Science and History. The children will be continuing to practise their line and bar graph drawing skills whilst investigating the properties of light. We will also be converting between units of measure, choosing appropriate measures and interpreting data from graphs as part of our Science lessons. As well as this, we will be using our understanding of symmetry and repeating patterns to create a piece of Islamic art linked to our topic.

History - Early Islamic Civilisation

In History, we will be studying Early Islamic Civilisations, understanding their achievements and influences on our modern world. We will also study the importance of Baghdad within the Islamic Empire, mapping the trade routes that connected Asia to Europe, allowing goods, knowledge and culture to be passed across continents.

Geography

In Geography this half-term, the children will learn about how a place's location in the world affects its climate. We will discuss the causes and effects of global warming and the role of politics in preventing/allowing global warming. As well as this, we will discuss the impact of environmental activists, focusing our work on Greta Thunberg.

Art

Linking to our topic of Early Islamic Civilisation, we will be examining a range of Islamic Art and creating Islamic art patterns. As part of our school Art Day on Friday 5th July, we will be visited by Razwan Ul-Haq - a professional artist - who will work with the children to produce a range of Islamic Art.

Science

We have two Science topics this half term. Firstly, we will be continuing our unit on light by investigating which coloured plastic lets the most light through. We will then study the Circulatory System of the human body, looking at the impact of exercise on our heart rate, as well as looking at how nutrients and water are transported around the body.

PE

Our PE lessons this half term will develop the children's rounders skills on Tuesdays, and athletics on Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school and does not take it home until the end of term. During the summer months, it is advised the children have a pair of shorts as well as their white t-shirt and trainers. Due to the warmer weather, please ensure your child brings a water bottle with them to school. It is a good idea for them to be wearing sun cream every day, however this is especially important on PE days, as we will be spending more time outside. This should be applied at home; a high factor cream is therefore advisable in order for it to last the full day.

Transition to high school

We will be completing lots of activities over the final few weeks of the year in order to prepare the children for starting high school. We appreciate that this is a challenging time for some children, so we will hopefully alleviate some of their worries or anxieties and make sure they are looking forward to September.

Thank you for all of your support throughout the year!

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