

Belonging



Year 6: Autumn Term 1



Welcome to Year Six! We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready for the exciting year ahead as you enter your final year of primary school.

We will be starting the year with the topic of 'Belonging'. Through this topic we will be learning about another area of Bradford and the city which we belong to. As Class Little Germany, we have visited Bradford Cathedral, taken part in a heritage trail about Little Germany, looking at the architecture and learn about the history of the area.

As always, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us through ClassDojo or the school office.

Year Six Staff:

Mr Verma and Mrs Barraclough

Our distinctive Church school ethos

Children will take part in daily collective worship. We will spend time together as a school, in a class and as part of our 'Value Families.'

Every Tuesday we walk to St Paul's Church for a service led by Reverend Thierry Guillemin.

Throughout the day we will pause for reflection to consider our values through prayer.

Dates to remember:

Monday 4th September: School opens
Thursday 7th September: Trip to Little Germany.

Friday 22nd September: Non-uniform day for Harvest donations.

Tuesday 10th October: Class Little Germany Showcase

Friday 20th October: MacMillan 'Open Morning' and our first Rainbow Day of the year

Friday 20th October: School closes

Homework: Children will also be given a list of spellings on a Friday, which can be accessed through Spelling Shed and they will be tested on the correct spellings the following Friday. Reading books need to be brought into school daily. These can be changed at any time but these will be checked on Fridays.

P.E: Children will need to come into school in their P.E kit on **Monday and Tuesday**.

Personal Development

PSHE

During our first half term, the children will be learning about challenging stereotypes and the difference between prejudice and discrimination. Through this topic, they will build an understanding of differences within our community and how to safely respond to and challenge discrimination.



P.E

Our specialist PE coach will continue to teach our PE sessions in Year Six. This half term they will be focusing on handball and ultimate frisbee. This will include developing passing, defending and shooting skills.

Our World

Religious Education: This half term we will be exploring the question 'What will make our city/town/village a more respectful place?' Throughout this topic, children will discuss what we can do to live in harmony in our community and reflect on the idea of acceptance, exploring what this would look like.

Geography: Our focus this term is The Amazon Rainforest. Over the half term, the children find out about the Amazon region of South America, considering what it is like to live in the region as well as how it is being damaged and how it can be protected. They will be able to locate the world's countries using maps, and concentrate on their environmental regions. We will also be focusing on developing our understanding of geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region in South America.



STEM

Science: We start Year Six by continuing to learn about the human body, with a particular focus on the heart and circulatory system. The children will learn about the importance of the circulatory system and how it transports oxygen around our body. Through investigations, the children will learn about their heart rate and different activities that can cause this to increase.

Computing: During our computing sessions this half term we will be focusing on developing our understanding of e-safety. Children will understand the meaning of a 'digital footprint' and understand how and why people use their online information. They will also learn about the importance of balancing screen time with other activities.

Maths: Our first maths lessons will focus on place value and exploring numbers up to 10,000,000. We will then move onto recapping our understanding of the four operations. The children will develop the methods they are confident with larger numbers. They will also apply this to solving multi-step problems.

Design Technology: Our DT focus this half term is to produce a 'fidget cushion' using a variety of materials and stitches. The children will analyse existing products before designing, making and evaluating their own.

Language and Communication

Speaking and listening: Throughout the curriculum, speaking will be encouraged through role play, debates and sharing news with the class.

Reading: The children will develop a range of reading skills during our guided reading sessions, including making predictions, retrieving information from the text and explaining vocabulary choices made by the author. We have a wide variety of exciting texts to explore including 'Boy' by Roald Dahl and series of biographies from 'Young, Gifted and Black'.



Writing: Our first focused text type for this half term is writing a non-chronological report using our class text 'You Are Awesome' by Matthew Syed as the stimulus. They will then learn to write biographies of someone who inspires them. They will also continue to develop and build up on all the skills they have already been taught including extending their writing using relative clauses, expanded noun phrases and a range of conjunctions.

Spelling: During spelling lessons we will be focusing on revising the Year 5/6 common exception words, ensuring they are able to spell and use the words correctly within their writing.

French: During our French lessons, the children will be learning to speak in sentences with increasing fluency using familiar vocabulary and phrases with a focus on how to make conversation when visiting someone's house.

The Arts

Art: Our art lessons are linked to 'Our Bradford Topic' and our visit to Little Germany. While on the trip, the children will be sketching buildings in Little Germany and Bradford Cathedral. They will mimic Lowry's style of simply sketched people and buildings.



Music: The learning in this half term is focused around one song: 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams - a Pop song with a Soul influence about being happy. The children will learn how to perform the song in different parts and use instruments as accompaniment.