

Barn Croft Primary School

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2017



Welcome to Year 6! The children have already settled in really quickly and are getting ready to work hard which is great to see. I'm sure they are going to have a very successful year!

This year, I will be sending home 'knowledge organisers' with every topic. I will expect the children to learn the vocabulary, dates and other information on these knowledge organisers so they can further their understanding in lessons.

On top of this, children must read for a minimum of 20 minutes each day. They can record this in their yellow reading books and when they complete a whole page, they will get a stamp and a 'reading boost' (5 Dojo points).

English

This half term, we are using a film, a novel and a picture book as stimuli for our writing and drama. At the end of the units, we will focus on narrative writing at first, looking at creating suspense and excitement for our reader. Later in the half term, the children will write a newspaper report too.

Maths

Our priority this term is to ensure that the Year 6 children have a secure understanding of number and place value and know most of their times tables by heart. We will be working on written methods for calculation too and I will share examples of these on Class Dojo with you so that you can work on it with them at home.

Topic: Earth Matters

Now that our mini topic on Alan Turing has come to an end, we will move on to a new topic about Earth and natural disasters. For this topic, there are lots of dates and vocabulary to memorise at home. In class, we will be making models of the Earth, looking at the impact of humans on the environment, empathising with those who live in disaster zones and by the end, we will be able to explain how some types of natural disaster occur. This topic will include art and ICT lessons as well.

Swimming

This half term, Year 6 will be swimming at the Aquatics Centre every afternoon for two weeks. It will start on Monday 2nd October. They must have appropriate swimwear and a swimming cap in school every day during this period.

Music

This term, Year 6 will be learning to play the ukulele with a peripatetic teacher. They will also learn and perform a song as part of their topic.

I will be holding parent meetings on Wednesday 18th October from 1:15pm – 6:00pm. Letters will be sent home soon so that you can request a time.

I'm looking forward to the rest of this half term and getting to know you and the children. I think they're really going to enjoy what we have planned for them!

Miss Clark