

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 1



Hello and welcome back! I hope that you have all had a brilliant Christmas and New Year! If you have any concerns about anything, please contact me via email james.pellow@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk and I will endeavor to respond promptly. Communication about illness/ medical appointments or pick up/drop offs should be sent to the school office.

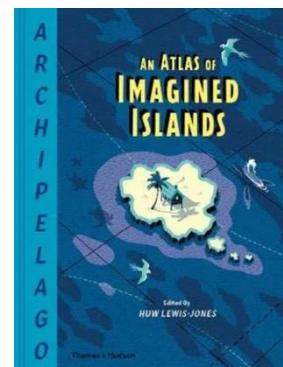
The Year 6 team will consist of myself and Mrs Hunt.

Best wishes,
Mr. Pellow

The Curriculum

English

This half term we will have 'Writer's workshop' every Tuesday with Year 5 where we split into smaller groups and are using 'An Atlas of Imagined Islands' as a hook for their writing. We are creating our own island and description. This is a strong focus on grammar and punctuation in other English lessons this half term.



Library

The children will visit the library on Tuesday and will be able to check out one book per week. Please sign the reading record when they have read aloud to you during the week. Within our library session, we will be continuing our prosody sessions, developing our oracy. Each week the children are asked to read aloud to someone at home and date and **sign it** in their Reading record.

Spellings

We will be learning and focusing on Y/6 words each week and practising within school. If you would like to supplement the learning at home, the words for each week are listed below.

WB 6/1	WB 13/1	WB 20/1	WB 27/1	WB 3/2	WB 10/2
N/A	definite guarantee opportunity signature	available desperate harass parliament	sincere(ly) average determined hindrance	persuade soldier awkward develop	identity physical stomach bargain

Maths

We are starting this half term by finishing our topic on drawing, composing and decomposing shape. This will be followed by a fractions and decimals topic. We will regularly practice the four operations to build fluency and confidence and continue to complete 'Tough 10s' every morning. Early morning maths will continue on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Science

This half terms Science topic is, 'Light' where we will be looking at how we see, light formation, refraction and shadows. There will also be an experiment on shadows before we move into a sustainability topic on light pollution.

Computing

This half term we will be continuing to look at Blogging. This will include the purpose of blogs and the key features. This will be done through Purple Mash.

History

Our history topic for this term is 'Shang Dynasty'. We will be continuing with some Key Questions:

Culture – How did the Shang people live?

Stories – What was the origin story of the Shang Dynasty?

Legacies – What made the Shang army successful?

Individuals – Who was Fu Hao?

Belief – How were the oracle bones used by the Shang?

We will be working with Year 5 in Topic Partners.

Art

This term's artist that Year 6 will be researching and using as inspiration is Georgia O'Keeffe.



P.E.

Our P.E. days are Wednesday and Friday and will be held outside, weather permitting. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on both Wednesday and Friday and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit. One session will be run by the Physical sports coach and one by myself. This half term, we will be looking at Circuits and gymnastics.

Music

We will be using Sparkyard on their new topic, 'Musical effects and moods'. We will also be listening to daily songs chosen by Miss Kelly.

Home Learning

There will be weekly homework sent out on a Tuesday and collected in the following Tuesday. It is mandatory. There will also be half termly suggestions to support for Maths and English and termly home learning projects (both sent out on Friday 17th).

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

Dates for the diary

Monday 27th January – Young Voices concert
Saturday 1st February – BRPS Cross Country
Monday 17th March – Year 5&6 Home Learning Gallery