

Year 6 2026
Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 2



Hello and welcome back! We have a jam-packed half term ahead as we prepare for SATs but also take part in a few whole school celebration days!

This term, Mrs Armitage will be supporting us on a Monday morning and Mrs Hunt will then be with us Tuesday to Friday. Mrs Hunt will also continue to teach the children on Wednesday afternoons to cover my PPA.

If you ever need to get in contact, please email me at katie.kelly@benrhidding.bradford.sch.uk and I'll endeavour to respond as promptly as I can. Please, however, contact the office regarding any pick up/walking home arrangements as I may not get chance to check my emails during the day.

English



This half term, our new class book is *The Final Year*; this is a poetry book that focuses on finishing primary school and the transition to secondary school. We will practise our inference and retrieval skills and also find opportunities to complete writing tasks linked to our primary school experiences.

Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on decimals, fractions and percentages before then moving onto area and volume. We will continue to practise arithmetic skills with our 'Tough Ten' every morning.



Science

This half term, we will explore the following questions investigating light:



- How does light travel?
- Which materials make the best reflectors?
- How does the eye work?
- How do shadows change throughout the day?
- Why do objects look different in water?
- How do mirrors work?

Topic: Geography

Our geography topic for this half term is *North America*. Y5 and 6 will explore the following questions:

- Can I identify countries and states in North America?
- Do I understand geographical terminology and can I use it to describe locations and characteristics of places?
- Can I describe climates and biomes?
- Can I identify similarities and differences between my local area and a region of North America?



Our Home Learning Gallery is on Wednesday 18th March at 9 a.m. Projects can be inspired by rivers or North America.

PE



Our P.E days are **Tuesday and Friday**. Children need to attend school on these days in their school uniform P.E kit. This half term's lessons will focus on dodgeball and adapted striking and fielding.

Foundation Subjects



In **music**, we will be looking at musical effects and moods, exploring pitch, timbre and harmonies. We will also start learning our production songs.

In **computing**, Y6 will be using GarageBand to create their own podcasts.



Our **art** this term will complete our final art piece inspired by Georgia O'Keefe. We will create our own watercolour flower on a canvas.

Y6 will continue to focus on the topic of free time in **French**, using 'jouer' and 'faire'. Combining phrases of time with conjunctions, the aim is for children to say when they play a sport and with whom. With the addition of some simple phrases of opinion, they will be equipped to talk about hobbies with confidence.



In **R.E**, the children will continue to discover what Hindus believe about God.

Home Learning

Reading: The children will visit the library on a Friday afternoon and will be able to check out one book per week. The children will not be able to get a new library book until they have returned the previous one. Within our library session, we will use our prosody skills to perform our writing; this should help us with our editing as well as our performance skills. We would like the children to practice reading aloud to someone at home at least once a week; it doesn't have to be the book they've borrowed from school. We ask that someone at home then signs and dates the reading record each week and that they bring it in to be checked on the Friday.

Maths and Grammar: This half term, the children need to continue completing one test each week in both their Maths and Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation SATs Buster books. Each test has around ten questions and should take ten minutes. The answers are at the back of the book so you can mark their answers and go through corrections together. If there is anything that they are unsure of, please ask them to come speak to me and we can go through the question together. There will also be half termly suggestions to support Maths and English that will be sent out the second Friday of each half term.

Topic: We would like each child to complete a project at home linked to our topic. This term, we will focus on rivers for the first half term and then learn about North America. The children can create a project for either of these two topics. We will send a sheet of ideas out but they can be as creative as they like. The Home Learning Gallery is on Wednesday 18th March at 9 a.m.

Spellings: We will be learning five words each week and practising them during the school day. However, if you feel like it would benefit your child to also practice these at home, the words for each week are listed below.

W/b 23.02	W/b 02.03	W/b 09.03	W/b 16.03	W/b 23.03
pronunciation symbol awkward disastrous system	station attraction suggestion demonstration operation	knowledge porridge badger trudged smudged	capable vegetable reliable irreplaceable noticeable	emergency lettuce licence produce replace

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Kelly

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day

9th - 13th March: Practice SATs week

Thursday 12th March: Rivers Workshop at Nell Bank

Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March: Parent Evenings

Friday 20th March: Comic Relief

Wednesday 25th March: Carnival Art afternoon

Friday 27th March: School closes for Easter holiday

Monday 13th April: School opens for Summer 1 Term