



# Barnardo Class (Year 6)

Autumn 1, 2023 Newsletter



## What we are learning

Our learning this half term is all about innovations and inventions. We are investigating the Industrial Revolution in history, focussing on the inventions that made the revolution possible, the impact the changes in industry had on towns and cities, and the experiences of working children at this time in history. As part of this learning we will also be exploring the work of L.S. Lowry, thinking about what his paintings show us about life in an industrialised city and recreating our own art in the style of Lowry.

Our science topic is Evolution and Inheritance, so we will be finding out about how animals adapt to their environment, who Charles Darwin was and what he discovered about the evolution of species. In maths we will be building on our knowledge of the formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, before moving onto our biggest year 6 maths topic: fractions.

Finally, in English we will be reading Street Child by Berlie Doherty and our writing will include a mystery story about a mysterious disappearance, a report on a newly discovered, imagined, new species. and a balanced argument on climate change and climate justice.

## Welcome to Barnardo

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ed Priory and I am delighted to once again be teaching year 6. The fantastic Mrs Lynn will also be supporting the class all year round and we have both enjoyed a delightful first week in year 6. We have been so impressed with the children's maturity and enthusiasm for the year ahead.

If you ever have any queries or questions please don't hesitate to get in touch at:  
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## Our Values this half term are

Respect & Thankfulness

To appreciate the beauty and bounty of the world around us and to value the families, gifts and opportunities that we have been given.

## Dates for your diary

- 21st September  
Individual photos
- 24, 25 & 26th October  
Parents Evening
- 30th October Half  
Term
- 6th November  
Training Day

## PE Kits Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit on **Mondays**.

This will begin w/c 11th Sep. Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements (no wording or branding other than the school badge).

## Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle every day!



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## Spellings

I will be setting the spelling lists for the children on Sunday mornings and they expire just before school on Fridays. Please encourage your children to access spelling shed at least twice a week, there is lots of fun interactive games for them to be having a go at and will help boost their writing capabilities.



## Reading

Please encourage your child to read at home. Reading for 20 minutes a day exposes children to 1.2 million words over a year, and supports all areas of children's learning.



## Maths

Children need to practise their times tables every week, through times tables rockstars. I cannot stress enough how important fluency in these key facts are for the new year 6 maths learning.



Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16  
From Mr Priory and Mrs Lynn