



Barnardo Class (Year 6)

Autumn 2, 2023 Newsletter



What we are learning

This half term we have a new class novel: *Oliver Twist*. An English classic, which will teach the children even more about child poverty during the industrial revolution. In Geography we will be exploring the continent of North America, in particular the USA.

We will be investigating the rise of Silicon valley, California, and how major tech companies have driven mass economic growth in the area. For our local study this half term, we will discover how Leeds has grown as a city and discover its key physical geographical features.

We have lots of exciting science to investigate this half term. Our science topic is living things and their habitats, so we will be finding out about how we classify animals and explore the vast amount of organisms that we share our beautiful planet with.

Our maths learning this half term will involve building further on our knowledge of fractions before moving on, in the final week, to investigating measurement.

In English we will be learning about UK Parliament week and writing a formal letter to our local MP discussing the issues surrounding child poverty in the UK. We will also be putting ourselves into the shoes of *Oliver Twist* and writing a recount of his terrible experience in the Victorian workhouse.

Finally in DT we will be learning all about different types of bridge structures. We will investigate strength and purpose before designing and building our own bridges at the end of the half term.

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.

Spellings

Please keep encouraging your children to access spelling shed at least twice a week. There are 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.



PE Kits Days

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

This will begin w/c 13th November. Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements (no wording or branding other than the school badge).

Dates for your diary

- Anti-bullying performance to parents/carers
Thursday 15th November 2.50pm
- Forest Schools Wednesday 22nd November
- FOKF School Christmas Disco Wednesday 6th December after school
- Music Performance Tuesday 12th December 2.45pm
- Pantomime Trip Friday 15th December
- Christmas Fair Friday 15th December from 3.15pm
- Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 21st December
- FOKF Christmas Film Night Thursday 21st December
3.15pm - 5.30pm
- KS2 Singing carols on the playground (all parents/carers warmly invited) Friday 22nd December 2.30pm

Maths homework

Children still 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.

However, I will set other homework relating to our learning in class. On these occasions there is not an expectation to access TTRockstars as well.

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