



Y6 Classroom News

Avondale
Primary School



Autumn 2

It is great to see all the children back after the half term break. We hope you all managed to enjoy some family time together. It was lovely to see so many of you before the break for our Parents' evening and we would like to thank you for your support with this. It certainly does make a difference and is important that we can share your child's successes and areas to improve on.

Dates for your Diary

18.11.25 – Year 6 – Heights and Weights

28.11.25 – Whole School Christmas Craft Day

03.12.25 – Whole school Christmas Theatre Production – Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk AM

15.12.25 – Autumn Term Report cards sent home

18.12.25 – Christmas Jumper Day

18.12.25 – Christmas Lunch Day

19.12.25 – School Closes for Christmas (1:30pm)

Friendly Reminders

·Dinner money is to be paid via the online system please.

·PE – Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school everyday (black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, black pumps or trainers). A bobble will be needed for long hair and jewellery will not be permitted and should be removed prior to coming to school. We cannot provide plasters in school to cover earrings.

·Homework will continue to be set online via Google Classrooms. A post will be set each Friday with links to the activities. The deadline for this will be the following Thursday. If your child is having difficulty accessing the work online, we encourage them to let us know so we can make arrangements for them to complete it in school.





What we are studying

Maths

We will continue our work using Power Maths. The main focus in our Maths lessons this half term will be fractions. This can be quite a daunting topic for the children, especially if they are not confident in their times tables knowledge. The children should be using TT Rockstars everyday as part of their homework. Having rapid recall of these facts will hugely help the children in their daily Maths lessons. We will then look at converting between metric measures (mm-cm-m-km, g-kg, ml-l) and converting between miles and kilometres.

English

In English, our writing focus will be diary entries and Poetry. We will be looking at the structure of diaries and how the language varies to that of more formal writing. In Reading, we will be working on improving our comprehension skills. We will do this by using our inference skills and backing up our ideas with quotations from the text. We are consistently trying to develop our language skills in order to improve our vocabulary. Reading continues to be a focus in school and so children are expected to read regularly. Our Accelerated Reader programme promotes reading for pleasure and it was lovely to see the children so engaged with their reading last term with a real determination to complete quizzes linked to the books. Hopefully, this will continue this term. **It is part of homework that children are reading 5 times a week at home.**

Website

Please keep your eye on our year 6 page on the website. There is lots of information on there about year 6 and we will update this regularly with blog posts and news.

Some of our blog posts are also shared on our Facebook page and Twitter (follow us at @avondaledarwen) so that you can keep up with what your children are doing in school.



Foundation Subjects

This term, we will be continuing our theme of 'Cotton, Chimneys and Change' which focuses on life during the Victorian era and the effect that the Industrial Revolution had on Darwen as a town. We will continue to read our class novel 'Far from Home' which tells the story of two sisters working in a cotton mill. As the term progresses we will start to focus on some Geography work, in particular looking at what trade is, linking it to the cotton industry during the Victorian era. Our Science unit is all about Light: how light travels, how it behaves in various situations and how we use light and shadows. In DT, we will be designing and making a snack suitable for a Christmas party. Finally, in PE we will be taking part in dance and circuit training.