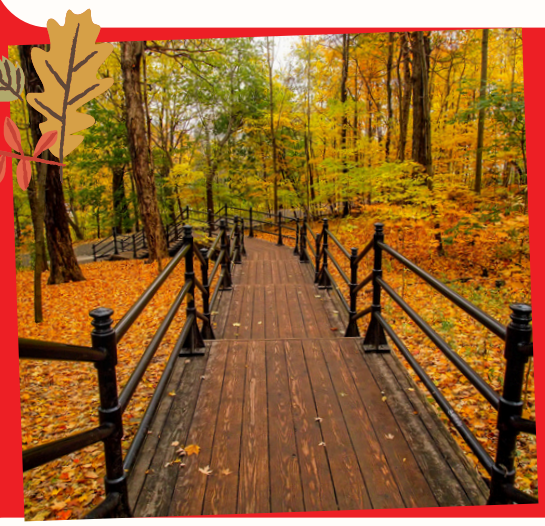
Y6 Classroom News

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

11th November	Remembrance Day
27th November	Christmas Craft Day
Week beginning 23rd November	Assessment Week
3rd December	Christmas Pantomime: Robin Hood
4th December	Christmas Fair Donation Day (non-uniform)
5th December	Christmas Fair
14th December	Autumn Term Report to go home
14th December	Christmas Plays: EYFS (14:15) & Y1/2 (18:00)
15th December	Christmas Plays: Y4/5 (14:15) & EYFS (18:00)
16th December	Christmas Plays: Y1/2 (14:15) & Y4/5 (18:00)
17th December	Y3 Carols Around the Christmas Tree (14:15)
17th December	Christmas Jumper Day
18th December	School breaks up at 13:30
4th January	School reopens for Spring Term 1

Friendly Reminders

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

·PE – Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child arrives to school dressed in their PE kit (black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, optional Avondale hoodie or ¼ zip top, 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 5x reads per week, weekly spellings and TT Rockstars. Reading records are due every Friday and weekly spellings will be sent home each Friday.

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 to continue helping them to learn their number facts. 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.

Facebook

Keeo on our Facebook page 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 dodgeball.