



# Coalbrookdale & Ironbridge C.E. Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

## Spring Term 1 2024

### What are we learning in Year 6 this half term?

Welcome to the Spring Term! We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing Winter break. It has been great to see the children back in school and we look forward to seeing what this term brings.

Below is a summary of what we will be learning this half term  
**(Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February).**

Reading	We will be finishing reading Nisha's War by Dan Smith and starting our new text The Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah. We will be practicing reading skills such as inference, vocabulary, compare and contrast and summarising.
Writing	We will be using Nisha's War by Dan Smith to inspire our newspaper article writing. We will be focussing on including the Year 6 writing expectations such as colons, semi-colons and parenthesis. The writing framework will be used to assess the children as part of their End of Key Stage Two assessment.
Maths	We will be continuing our work on fractions. We will be learning to multiply and divide fractions and finding fractions of amounts as well as how to use the inverse to find the missing whole when given the part. We will be moving onto ratio later in the half term.
R.E	This term we will be considering the question "People of God: How can following God bring justice and freedom'. We will be studying the connection between the story Moses and the concepts of freedom and salvation.
Science	This term we will be learning about the circulatory system and the respiratory system. We will be studying how exercise can alter the pulse rate as well as the impact of alcohol and drugs on the organs.
Geography	We will be learning about South America. We will be exploring climate, location and physical and human features in this area as well as making comparisons to other continents.
PE	In our sessions with Embrace on a Wednesday we will be looking at Dance and Indoor Athletics.

Music	We will be learning about creative compositions. Singing and listening are at the heart of each lesson. Play, improvise and compose using a selection of these notes: C, C#, D, E, F, F#, G, A, Bb, B
Art	We will be looking at human form sculptures such as Christ the Redeemer and studying artists such as Alberto Giacometti, Henry Moore and Sokari Douglas-Camp.
Computing	The children will learn about how to create a blog to share with others to enjoy.  Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6th of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.
Online Safety	Your child is taught weekly Online Safety lesson using <b>Project Evolve</b> . We do not have an outline of what is taught weekly, as it based on the discuss throughout the term. If you would like to know what has been taught that week please ask your class teacher.
PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Cultural Education)	In Jigsaw, our topic this half term is Dreams and Goals, where children will explore their aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this. In addition to Dreams and Goals, we will be focusing on e-safety looking at internet safety and how children can stay safe online.  As part of our work on learning about differences and the 9 protected characteristics, we use learning material from an educational source called 'No Outsiders, All Different and All Welcome'. We will also look at the five British Values this term, with a focus on tolerance.  At the start of term, the whole school has been focusing on our community. Children have looked at the local and wider community they belong to. All children have been looking at British people who have shaped our culture. They have also looked at an element of local history from a child's point of view.
Wellbeing	As a school, we have a subscription to Calm Brain which is a video stimulus used to calm children so that they are in a better state to learn, attend and develop. It achieves this by understanding that for children to develop effectively they need to have healthy brain organisation, and their brain needs to communicate effectively to itself by working as a whole. CalmBrain is therefore a psychological intervention that addresses key neurological features. Children have been asked to take part in a variety of mindful activities the first week back.

Collective Worship	<p>Collective Worship is held daily.</p> <p>Our value for this half term is perseverance.</p> <p>Our Safeguarding Crew and Anti-bullying Ambassadors will be supporting with Collective Worship and sharing ideas and ways to keep safe around school.</p> <p>We also continue to learn about equality, nine protected characteristics and the five British Values through stories in Collective Worship.</p>
Other school events:	<p>We are excited to launch our Book Club to parents this half term, with all parents being given the opportunity to come to school each Friday at 3pm to read with your child(ren) and enjoy a selection of books. There is also an opportunity to swap and buy pre-loved books for your family to enjoy! Please note, our Book Club day will change each half term in order to give all working parents the best opportunity to share a book with their child and come in to see them! Book club will <b>start on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> February.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Club every Friday <b>starting</b> 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024</li> <li>• Safer Internet Day 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024</li> <li>• ACE attendance Mascot visiting school week starting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024</li> </ul>
Attendance	<p>At the beginning of each week, every class receives a weekly attendance target in Collective Worship. Attendance certificates are also awarded to those classes who reached their attendance target from the previous week. These are specific to each class.</p> <p>Ace our Attendance mascot will be visiting on <b>Monday 5.2.24</b> for the week. Look out for him on the school gates each morning.</p> <p>Reminder:  Gates open at 8:35am  Registration and start of school day: 8:50am  End of school day: 3:20pm</p>
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Read daily – please sign your child’s diary.</li> <li>- Practise your half term KIRFs</li> <li>- Weekly Maths tasks.</li> <li>- Weekly Spelling Practise</li> </ul>