



YEAR 5&6 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – AUTUMN TERM 2025 – SECOND HALF

Welcome back to Autumn 2 – I hope you all had a lovely, restful half-term break and were able to enjoy some of the wonderful autumnal weather! We have got lots of exciting activities planned for this half-term, as we build towards Christmas and lots of new learning to look forward to before that.

Key Dates for Yr5/6

Thursday 6th November – KS2 Trip to Blackburn Cathedral ‘Gaia’ Exhibition – Meet at Clitheroe Train Station, 9am

Friday 14th November – Children in Need – Wear something spotty/yellow for a donation to Children in Need

Monday 17th November – Let’s Go Sing in School – Learning new songs ahead of our performance in March

Tuesday 18th November – Flu Vaccinations (For children who have returned consent form)

Thursday 20th November – Parent's Evening (Times will be circulated nearer the date)

Wednesday 26th November – KS2 Ice Skating Trip at Lancaster – Return to school at 4:30pm

Friday 12th December – School Trip to the Pantomime at The Grand, Clitheroe and Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 16th December – School Christmas Service – St Andrew’s Church, Slaidburn

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Nativity – 2pm and 5pm

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Lunch and last Forest School (Including Christmas Party)

Friday 19th December – Break-up at 3:30pm for Christmas Holidays

A reminder that every Friday (unless otherwise notified) is our Celebration Worship (9am) where family and friends are invited to our school Worship to celebrate any achievements of children. We also love to see and celebrate the achievements children have had outside of school, so please do send these in for us to share as well!

English Overview

Writing – We will begin by planning and writing a story based on The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. Using the mythical creatures researched and designed last half-term, we will create a new innovated narrative story based on the theme of our reading.

Following this, the rest of the term will see us begin to read Beowulf, a classic legend by Michael Morpurgo. Our reading and responding phase will see a short persuasive writing opportunity and the main outcome will be another innovated legend with our own battle scene and heroes.

Reading – As a class, we will be reading Beowulf which will feed into our writing. In Guided Reading, we will have a different short text to focus on each fortnight, with a mix of fiction and non-fiction. This will help us enhance our comprehension skills.

Grammar – Our focus for this half-term will see us revisit some of the skills from last half-term as well as a focus on ‘ed’ opening clauses at the start of sentences and blending action, dialogue and description which will link to and be used in our writing.

Spelling – As well as revising spellings from last year and last half-term, we will be introducing some new spelling rules. Spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday to be learnt for the test the following Monday. Please check your child's reading record for the spellings and support them, where possible, with learning these at home.

Reading Books

Children will have the opportunity to read in class daily and should also be reading at home. We will continue to operate our weekly ‘Reading Stars’ scheme whereby every time a child reads at home (either with a parent/guardian or independently) and this is signed by an adult in their reading record, they will be entered into a prize draw.

Children will be able to choose/change their school library book weekly on Tuesday’s, however, please don’t limit your child to this - If they finish their library book before the following Tuesday, they are most welcome to bring/choose another book/magazine etc. from our school reading area or from home. Our aim is to foster and develop a love for reading so we encourage children to read something that interests them!

Please ensure your child has their reading record in school with them every day.

Maths Overview

In Maths this half term we will be continuing a focus on multiples so times tables knowledge really will be key. If you do get the opportunity to practice times tables with children when they are at home, please do, as it will be



very beneficial. Our numbers will increase in size however the skills and processes recapped will follow the same principles as children will have already learnt about for smaller numbers. By the end of the half-term, we will move onto fractions, including adding and subtracting these and applying problem solving skills. Hopefully we will also be able to give our learning a more practical and real-life context by building maths into some of our everyday activities, both in and out of the classroom.

Other Subjects

Religions Education – Our R.E. for this half-term will begin by completing our investigation into pilgrimages of various faiths. We will then move on to discuss advent and build towards the festive period for the Christian faith.

Science – In Science, our topic is all about investigating mixtures and separations. Some of our key objectives will be to explore the processes of sieving, filtering, dissolving and evaporation and as ever, we hope to do this with lots of practical activities to support our learning.

History – Our topic in History is entitled 'Who should go on the £10 bank note?' This will involve looking at various historical figures and making inferences about their significance and legacy before working as a class group to present about the person we believe should feature on the next £10 bank note.

Computing – Across the half-term, we will be learning about the process of stop-motion animation and then creating our own versions. We will work as a team to help each other through the whole process from an initial storyboard, to photographing the frames and then editing to create a fluid animation.

Music – Music will cover the famous genre of 'Blues' music. Children will learn to play Blues chords and other short sequences and scales. We will also continue to practice the songs for the 'Let's Go Sing' performance in March.

DT – The focus this half term will be pneumatic devices which children will explore in order to make their own creation.

Spanish – Following our move to Spanish last year, children will continue to be introduced to the language and this half-term the focus will be on learning numbers and dates in order to talk about birthdays.

PSHE – The title of our topic is 'Rights and Respect'. This will involve learning about different news stories, identifying facts and opinions and thinking about sensible choices when it comes to money.

Physical Education – P.E. this half-term will be delivered by Miss Booth and Miss Driver on a Monday and then Progressive Sports on a Friday. Please ensure children have their P.E. kit in school on both Mondays and Fridays ready to change into. A reminder that the P.E. kit should consist of a white t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers or pumps. Our focus sports will be dance and rugby, so we are looking forward to developing our skills in these areas.

Forest School – Whole KS2 Forest School sessions will continue to be delivered by Mrs Murray this half-term on a Thursday afternoon (1pm-2:15pm). Children can come into school in their own, suitable clothing on these days. As the Winter weather nears, please ensure children are bringing appropriate coats, hats, wellies/boots, waterproofs etc. that are suitable for the conditions on the day as we do go out in all weathers!

Final Updates

Please keep an eye out on the school newsletter for any changes to dates and upcoming events that are yet to be announced. I am really looking forward to another fantastic half-term at Brennand's and as ever, if there are any questions or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
Miss Booth

Our theme for worship this half-term is:

Compassion