

Class 6

The Bliss Charity School



Term 1



A very big welcome back to you all!

I hope you all had a great summer and are raring to go once again!

I am really looking forward to working with your child and this wonderful class once again in their final year at The Bliss Charity School. Year 6 is a very important time for your child to develop not only their academic skills but to also get them ready for their transition to secondary school.

This is such an exciting year ... lots of hard work, but so much fun to be had along the way!

Mr. Colton and Mrs. Baker



Term 1 Topic: *Birds of Prey*



We start the year with an exciting NEW Birds of Prey topic! From eagles to falcons and talons to beaks, Class 6 will be learning everything about the raptors that rule the sky.

In science, the children will learn about variation and adaptation. They will be able to explore how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution. They will examine the scientific evidence from birds of prey that has been gathered to support the theory of evolution.

As part of our geography lessons, the children will be studying the location of English counties and researching what impact the growing population has had on the number of birds of prey in the UK.

In guided reading, the children will be reading and comprehending the text *Eagle Warrior* by Gill Lewis.

As part of the school's creative curriculum, the children will also be making clay tiles inspired by birds of prey in DT, and producing lots of art based upon the work of famous wildlife artists.

The children may even get to see some real life birds of prey! 😊

Literacy and numeracy

In literacy, our first writing topic is based around a beautiful book called 'White Owl Barn Owl', which will provide the children with an exciting foundation for developing their writing skills. Using a drama approach, the children will bring their writing to life as they become immersed in the story using a variety of dramatic conventions. They will then move on to producing topic-linked informative texts based around birds of prey.

In maths, Year 6 is all about consolidating previous knowledge and building on this so that the children can apply their mathematical skills to a range of different problems. We will start by recapping place value and the four methods of calculating and then extending these to work with larger numbers and decimals.

Some children will be taught by Mr. Carter for mathematics while others will be taught by Mr. Colton and Mrs. Baker.

Other subjects ...

In RE, the children will be looking at Jewish worship in the community.

PE this term will take place indoors on a Monday and outdoors on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school especially as the weather gets colder.

Computing will be on Tuesday afternoons and Mrs. Baker will be taking PSHE and music sessions on Friday afternoons.

Helping your child at home ...

Homework will always be given out on a **Friday**. Throughout the term, the children will be given some topic-based homework where they will be expected to produce a double-page project on the given topic. We will always discuss ideas in class first and the children will be given suggestions for what should be included. These are a great opportunity for children to develop their writing techniques and targets and engage their metacognitive skills and attitudes – best efforts will always be rewarded.

Throughout the term, when they don't have specific topic homework, the children will also be given extra reading comprehension or SPAG homework.

All homework is due in by **Friday** at the latest. Children should be encouraged to complete homework as independently as possible – we really want them to come and talk to us if they are having any difficulties so we can give them further support.

Children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day – in addition to time given to reading in school – and be recording this in their new reading record. Mrs. Baker will take in reading records every Monday morning.

Spellings will be tested every Monday afternoon – please encourage your child to practise!

Please continue to practise quick fire multiplication and division facts with your child as these play such a huge role in accessing more complex areas of maths.