

Reading

It is an expectation that your child is reading for 10-20 minutes each day.

It is most important that your child reads EVERY DAY.

As a school we use a reading program called 'Destination Reader'. This is a interactive and strongly supported approach to reading instruction that builds comprehension skills of readers at all levels.

Parents can help by listening to their children read and ask questions such as:

*What do you predict will happen next to that character?

* How do you think the character feels in this situation? Why?

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly, via the school office or in the playground.



Trips

During the term there will be class trips to enrich and support the work your child is doing in class. If you can come with us on any school trip; this is greatly appreciated.



It is lovely to have parents/ carers with us and I know it adds a boost to your child's day too.



Useful Websites:

These will be used to support and extend your child's learning:

www.history.org.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/history

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/

ks2bitesize

www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk

www.studyladder.co.uk



Betty Layward Primary School

Year 6 Class Newsletter

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Welcome back to your child's second half term in Year 6.

We have an action packed term ahead of us with more exciting events and trips!

If you would like to speak to us or make an appointment please let the Year 6 teaching team know.

Helen, Jason and the Year 6 Team

For this half term our history topic is:

The Islamic Civilization

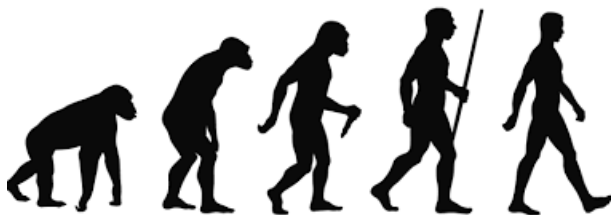


Also known as 'The Golden Age', we will discover what this civilization gave to the world. We will explore ancient advancements in medicine, architecture and art. Children will research the 'House of Wisdom' and find out about the prophet Muhammad. We will also explore how this civilization came to an end.

Announcements

This half term we are going to **Hampstead Heath on Tuesday 7th (Ruby) and Wednesday 8th (Chilli) November** for investigations into our science topic of 'Evolution and Inheritance'.

As always we need some parent support for the trips; if you could volunteer your time for this trip, please let Helen or Jason know asap.



PE:

PE will take place on **Mondays** for both classes.

It is essential that your child has their kit each week. For reasons of Health and Safety, pupils will not be able to participate in PE lessons if they do not have their PE kit.

SWIMMING

Swimming is a mandatory part of the Year 6 curriculum. Your child will need to bring swimming kit to school on **Tuesday (Chilli)** and **Wednesday (Ruby)**.



Science

Evolution and Inheritance

We will be learning about:

- The classification of animals.
- Adaptations of animals to their habitats
- Specific animals and their evolution over time.
- Researching Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution.



English

We will be:

- Writing short stories.
- Writing reports—leaflets and articles.
- Writing explanation texts.
- Writing fiction texts.

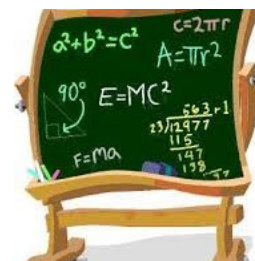
Numeracy

We will be:



- Looking at time.
- Revising ratio and exploring fractions.
- Looking at fraction word problems.
- Exploring Algebra.
- Revising Percentages.

It is essential that all children revise their times tables. They are the foundation of ALL primary maths!



How much do you already know about the Golden Age?

Religious Education

We will be: Exploring Buddhism and the Buddhist community.

Spanish

Bibi will be continuing to teach Spanish across both classes this half term; focusing on foundation skills of language.

Music and Art

Chilli class will begin music lessons with Barney; Ruby class will begin singing with Mel. We will be continuing our art work on Henry Moore - and also exploring ancient Islamic art.

Homework

It is very important that your child practises their times tables regularly. Your child will receive three pieces of homework per week. A spelling homework; one related to Maths and one to English. Please help them with this at home.