



Aspen Class - Year 6

Spring 1 - A new year!

January 2026

Oxenhope C of E Primary School



Hello Year 6 and welcome back after our Christmas break. I am very excited to welcome you back and am looking forward to another exciting half-term together.

Our first topic this year is called 'The golden age of Islam'. We will be learning about the Islam faith and how the Golden Age of Islam helped to shape the world and even Oxenhope. We will be using map work to identify trade routes. We will also be discussing the way that trade helped to change the world from China all the way to England.

English

In English this half term we are going to be focusing our writing around writing an informal letter. We are going to be looking at formality within a piece of writing and being able to select the appropriate register for the work we are completing. We will also be looking at the use of subject specific language within a piece of writing. We will also be continuing to develop our knowledge on punctuation and developing our understanding of using hyphens within our work.

Maths

This half term we are going to be focusing on shape including finding area, perimeter and volume within a shape. We will also be looking at applying our knowledge of the four operations whilst using decimal numbers including different real world applications such as with money and measures. We will also be learning how to calculate the percentage of an amount and the fraction of an amount.

R.E

Our current big question in Re is 'Why is a pilgrimage important to some religious believers?' We will be learning about a variety of pilgrimages from a range of religions. We will also be discussing why people go on pilgrimages and why it helps them with their faith. We will then talk about how those who do or do not complete pilgrimages might feel about the experience.

Uniform and attendance

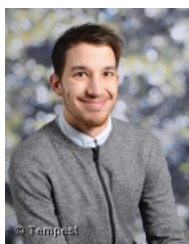
Please ensure your child is wearing correct school uniform each day. Please see our uniform policy for information. It has been lovely to see the pupils looking so smart this week! . Our doors open at 8:30 at which time learning is already happening in class and pupils should arrive at school at this time.

Outdoor learning

We will be doing outdoor learning every Friday (whatever the weather) so please ensure your child comes with a waterproof coat and suitable shoes - we will spend a lot of this time in the nature area and in our local surroundings.

P.E.

In Aspen Class P.E. will take place twice a week. Our PE days will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. We will be trying to get outside for PE as much as possible. Pupils will need to wear appropriate PE kit,(this can be found in our uniform policy).



Home learning

Homework will continue to be sent out on Monday and will be expected back in on the following Monday. Home work is a vital part of year 6 as it consolidates and enhances learning done in class, so there will be an expectation that it is completed. If your child is struggling to complete the homework please advise them to see an adult in class. There will also be a homework club on a Monday lunchtime for pupils to come along and complete homework where an adult from school will be available to support them,

Reminders

- Children are allowed to bring a healthy snack for morning break to help boost concentration.
- Please bring fresh water bottles to school daily.
- Children can bring a pencil case into school now, please ensure it is suitable and only contains necessary equipment.