



Barnby Road Academy

Year 6 Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term 2026



Welcome to Year 6!

We are looking forward to your final year at Barnby Road and we hope this information will help tell you all about what to expect this term. This is a vital year, packed with learning, progress, attainment, opportunities and FUN, but it is also a difficult year, in which we expect every child to push themselves, reaching and even exceeding their potential, in readiness for a smooth transition to their secondary destinations. The three classes will work closely together throughout the year and we are looking forward to offering your child exciting curricular and extra-curricular opportunities and visits. The children will remain with their class teacher for English lessons, but will be split into 3 different groups for maths, meaning your child could be working with either Mr Humphreys, Mrs Whitley or Mrs Hawkins. This enables us to support the children as extensively as possible, directing extra attention where it is most needed.

Homework

Each week children will be sent spellings home which they are expected to learn ready for their test the following week. We also expect children to be reading at least 3 times a week, recording these reads in their diary and have them signed by an adult. We will also be continuing our online homework. The tasks that have been selected are aimed at improving fluency in comprehension, SPaG, timetables and maths facts. Each week the children will be set 2 online pieces of homework. There will be a 2 week rolling timetable for these homeworks.

Spellings –sent home on Friday and tested the following Friday

Reading - Diaries signed every Friday

English/Maths –Set on a Friday and is due the following Thursday. If this is not submitted on time then pupils will complete during Thursday lunch.

Maths

The children will continue to follow the **Maths** curriculum, building on their work in previous years, with a daily lesson including number, geometry, data handling and measures. Activities will include games, investigations and exercises.

Lessons will be taught in streamed groups, based largely on the White Rose scheme of work. The children will use the four functions of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and will learn how to apply them to worded 'everyday life' problems, choosing the appropriate maths to use in each situation. Being confident and assured in the use of these four functions is vital to success in all areas of maths. Knowing times tables for all numbers up to 12 x 12 is essential for the children. Please help your child to learn their x tables, if they are not already secure.

English

English will be taught in our normal Year 6 classes. We will evaluate this and may change into groups if we deem it necessary. Children will develop their writing skills in a range of styles to start to prepare them for the transition to secondary school. There will also be a focus on improving grammar, punctuation and comprehension skills in line with the government's requirements. Reading comprehension exercises will be carried out in class on a regular basis as will speaking and listening activities.

Please continue to encourage your children to read their school reading book at home on a daily basis. At this age, the children will not be heard read on a regular basis by a teacher unless there is a special requirement. Children will take part in regular whole-class reading sessions.

Science

A variety of science topics will be taught, covering a huge variety of scientific knowledge and skills. Our topics this term will be learning about light, including how we see objects and how light travels, and then learning about Electricity, including building circuits and drawing circuit diagrams. We have planned a lot of opportunities for the children to develop their own hypotheses and predictions, then giving them the opportunity to design their own experiments to test these theories. We may learn that, as scientists, things don't always go as planned!

History, Geography and DT

Our history work for the term will focus on the Second World War and particularly how children's lives were affected during this time. They will learn about evacuation and rationing and how the Blitz affected children living in London and other major cities. Our learning will be enlivened with visitors and trips, including our Evacuee Day, which will take place during November. We will learn about the Holocaust and will visit the Holocaust Centre in December. This will all be delivered appropriately for the children's age. **Geography** will be a big focus after Christmas. In **DT**, we will be tasting different types of bread, some the children may never have tried before! Then we will plan and design our own style of bread with various flavours, before making it.

French, RE and Computing

Children will have weekly French lessons, in class with building on the work they did last year.

In **RE** the children will be following the theme of 'Teaching, Wisdom and Authority'. They will be encouraged to compare the sacred texts used by followers of different religions, looking for similarities and commonalities of belief, as well as differences. Children are actively encouraged to share their opinions and respect the opinions of their peers. This year the children will be continuing to consider the issues of e-Safety, social-media safety and cyber-bullying. They will also be deepening their understanding of spreadsheets and will use Microsoft Excel.

Art

In Art, the children will continue to develop their skills in a range of artistic techniques such as sketching and their use of watercolours. This term we will be exploring two artist. Juan Miro, who specialised in surrealism and used block colour and colour-wash in his paintings. We will also look at Henry Moore, who began drawing people sheltering in the London Underground during the Blitz. Moore's 'Shelter Drawings' captured the popular imagination, recognised as a sensitive yet powerful response to the War. Moore was asked to make further drawings, and became an official war artist.

PE and Music

All children will take part in 2 sessions of class PE every week. Indoor PE will include indoor athletics, dance, gymnastics and other activities, Outside games will take place on the field, playground or in the sports hall, depending on the activity and weather! **For the first half term all classes will have PE on Tuesday and Friday.**
After half term:

Severn: Monday & Tuesday. **Thames:** Tuesday & Thursday. **Trent:** Tuesday & Thursday.

Children will be taking part in weekly singing sessions with Mr Higgins, where we will learn to perform a range of fun songs. We will also learn to play ukuleles and compose pieces for them in groups.

Notices/reminders

All children need to bring a water bottle into school.

Homework planners and reading books should be brought into school every day.

We may watch BBC Newsround in class to allow children to understand events happening around the world. If you **do not** wish for your child to watch it please let your child's teach know.

We hope this letter has been helpful. Please come in to see us if you have any concerns at all, no matter how small.

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