

# BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ‘Achieving Together’

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This year is speeding along already! In just over a week's time, we will be hosting our second set of Parents' Evenings this year. Again, the evenings are held over two nights for your convenience, and one night is a longer one for any parents/carers who have late work commitments. Login to <https://bidstonavenue.schoolcloud.co.uk> to make your appointment(s).

Parents' evenings are just one of the ways we try to keep you up to date with what and how your child is learning. On the school website, we publish an overview of all the areas of learning your child will meet each term. They have recently had a refresh, so please have a look at the new format.

<https://www.bidstonavenue.wirral.sch.uk/our-curriculum-1/> Via this link, you can see the progression maps of learning from nursery to year 6.

<https://www.bidstonavenue.wirral.sch.uk/what-is-my-child-learning-this-term/> Via this link (and available in your Parents section), you can see exactly which topics your child is working on this term. The new format (see picture) is available for all year groups from Spring Term 2023.

**Term: Spring Adults in Class: Mrs Illume, Mrs Montgomery, Mr Brooks, Mrs Taylor**

<p><b>Maths</b> In Maths we will be building on our knowledge and understanding of the following:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Fractions, decimals and percentages</li> <li>▫ Ratio and proportion</li> <li>▫ Geometry - properties of shape and position and movement</li> </ul>                     We will continue to build mental fluency and apply the above skills to problem solving and reasoning in order to improve children's 'thinking' and 'resilience'</p>	<p><b>Science</b> In Science we will be growing our skills in 'working scientifically' through the following units:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Evolution and Inheritance</li> <li>▫ Healthy bodies - the circulatory system</li> </ul> </p>	<p><b>History</b> In History we will be looking at the impact of war and exploring the question:                      'Did WW1 or WW2 have the biggest impact on our locality?'</p>
<p><b>Year 6 2022-2023 'Achieving Together'</b></p>		
<p><b>Music</b> We will be focusing on developing composition and history of music through:                      Benjamin Britten's <i>Fantasy Afternoon: A New Year Carol</i> and <i>You've Got A Friend</i> by <i>Carole King</i></p>	<p><b>English</b> <i>Rise Stanche</i> by <i>Christine Gedge</i> and <i>Hemel and Ghel</i> by <i>Nail Gholson</i>                      Through the study of these texts we will write a diary entry, deliver a speech, a dual narrative and persuasive letter.                      Our focus for reading will be books about War, traditional fables and Poetry.</p>	<p><b>Geography</b> In Geography our unit focuses on protecting the environment and we will explore the question:                      'Are we damaging the world?'</p>
<p><b>Mandarin</b> We will be developing our written and spoken language this term with a focus on meeting and greeting.</p>	<p><b>In grammar we will revise:</b>                      Adverbials, subjunctive form and conjunctions and passive voice</p>	<p><b>Art &amp; Design/Design Technology</b> We will grow our knowledge and skills by:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Creating portfolios using drawing and collage techniques</li> <li>▫ Creating and evaluating the design and structure of a Chinese Steeple</li> </ul> </p>
<p><b>Computing</b> Children will develop their computing skills through:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Developing their own game</li> <li>▫ Understanding and evaluate systems and networks in particular search engines</li> </ul> </p>	<p><b>Physical Education</b> In P.E. we will cover two disciplines:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Health-related fitness - understanding the importance of developing strength, flexibility and aerobic capacity</li> <li>▫ Gymnastics - create and evaluate a sequence of proposed movements</li> </ul>                     Children will grow their self-discipline, self-motivation and resilience</p>	<p><b>PSHE/Citizenship</b> We will understand the implications of meeting online and in-app purchases and understand how to keep safe around water.</p>
<p><b>Religious Education</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Origins of Islam, community and beliefs</li> <li>▫ Comparisons with other religions</li> </ul> </p>		

### Building Projects

Over the half term holiday, you will notice that scaffolding will appear around the whole of the roof area. We will be replacing all of our slate roof from February half-term onwards. It is a 16-week project, and we aim not to disrupt the running of the school over this time. We ask that you are extra careful around the site and ensure that your children do not touch the metal stanchions or play on the scaffold. Children remain under your supervision until they enter school at the allocated opening times and when you collect them. For your safety and to ensure site checks can take place, gates may not open as early as they do currently, so please do not allow children to walk to school too early (they are your responsibility until they enter our building).

During the roof replacement scheme, we are hoping to increase the number of solar panels. This will enable us to spend more money on the children in the long run and keep our electricity bills down. We have just been awarded the title of 'Energy School of the Year' from Eco-schools and Keep Britain Tidy – well done to all our eco-team led by Mrs Birch.

### Volunteer Scheme

You may have seen on our Facebook and Instagram accounts that we now have our own volunteering programme in school. This is a child volunteering programme not adults, although we have a few of those

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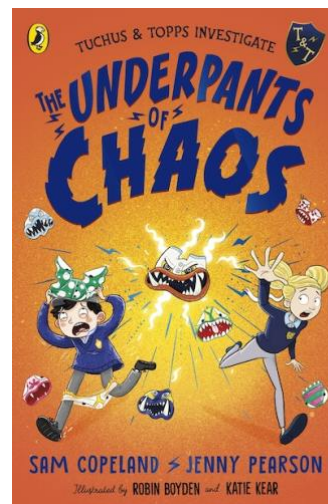
too. Many Year 4 children have opted into the programme, which tracks the time spent volunteering. There were so many that we had to stagger the days that they are on duty. The programme is led by Miss Brookes and she will provide an update in another letter/newsletter.

### BiddyAve Buddies Breakfast & After School Clubs

Our breakfast and after school provision is going strong. Aply led by Sue Holland, we now see record numbers of bookings for each session. Unfortunately, we cannot please all parents/carers who need a place. We advise everyone to make bookings as soon as possible, as you will be disappointed if you leave it too late. Having a breakfast and after school club is a bonus for our school. It isn't a service we must provide. We must also keep numbers to a safe amount in the breakfast/ASC room, so we apologise that we cannot increase them more and more. School cleaners must clean other rooms/areas and we have an extensive number of other extra-curricular clubs to provide too, so the club cannot have free reign over the school site.

### World Book Day/Week

We are delighted to be welcoming author, Sam Copeland, back to Bidston Avenue. His 'Charlie Changes into a...' books have gone down a storm with our children. He will be accompanied by his co-author, on 'The Underpants of Chaos', Jenny Pearson. They are both hugely successful British authors and we have added the book to purchase on ParentPay. Please head over to ParentPay to secure your book before Thursday's deadline. Sam and Jenny will be with us on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023.



**World Book Day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** this year, so look out for the separate letter informing you of the theme, the on-site bookfair and more.

SPRING TERM 2023	
Parents' Evenings	15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 (Wed/Thurs)
School closed for half term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
School opens	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
World Book Week (Author Visit/World Book Day)	w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> February
School closed for Spring Break/Easter Holiday	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
SUMMER TERM 2023	
School opens	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
School closed for May Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Year 2 Quizzes Month (National Testing for Year 2 children)	The Month of May
School closed for Training Day /Local Election Day	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 6 SATS Week (No approved holidays)	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
School closed for half term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
School opens	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 1 Phonics Check Week / Year 4 Multiplication Test Week	w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> June
INSET Day (children finish for summer on 19 <sup>th</sup> July)	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
School closed for Summer	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

Yours sincerely

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