



Year 6 –Personal Development Highlights

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This year, Year 6 has embraced hands-on learning, developing key skills in resilience, teamwork, and curiosity through a variety of exciting experiences.

As part of our science work on the circulatory system, we conducted a lamb's heart dissection, carefully following safety procedures while exploring the heart's chambers, veins, and arteries up close. Many children found this fascinating, deepening their understanding of how blood flows around the body.

In our *Mexicoca* topic, we became chocolate connoisseurs, investigating different types of chocolate and considering their origins and ingredients. White chocolate was the clear favourite among most children, though a few preferred the richer taste of dark chocolate!

Last term, we also tested our patience and perseverance in a sewing project, creating our own waistcoats as part of our work on the Victorians. This was a challenging but rewarding experience, as we learned to thread needles, sew a running stitch, and carefully follow patterns. Some found it tricky, but with determination—and help from visiting parents and grandparents—we proudly finished our garments.

One of the highlights of the term was *Victorian Day*, where we stepped back in time to experience life as a Victorian schoolchild. We quickly learned just how strict Victorian teachers could be—Joseph even received a pretend 'cane' for misbehaving! We tried traditional gruel and had a stern telling-off by Master Buckley for "stealing" apples from the local orchard. In the afternoon, we swapped strict lessons for fun, playing Victorian parlour games and making Christmas decorations to round off the day.

Through these activities, we have strengthened our problem-solving skills, creativity, and resilience, all while making fantastic memories. We can't wait to see what new challenges and adventures await us in the coming months!

