



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2 2024



RE

In RE lessons we will be understanding what is meant by 'The Common Good'. This will see us learn about Laudato Si – the open letter from Pope Francis - and reflect on what we can do to care for God's creation. Year 6 will also lead All Saints' Mass in church on 31st October at 2.15pm.



Key dates

Friday 1st November – All Saints' Disco @ 4pm
 Wednesday 6th November – Class assembly @ 9am
 Monday 18th November – Year 5 & 6 Grand Theatre visit
 Friday 20th December – Last day of term. 1.30pm finish.

English

Our 'Reading to writing' journey this half term sees us creating historical fiction linked to World War One. We will also be studying *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae for our poetry focus. In grammar, we will be focusing on using inverted commas to demarcate direct speech.

Our class text this half term is 'Stay Where You Are and Then Leave' by John Boyne. Children will read this at home and in school as last half term. Guided Reading will also continue twice weekly.

Maths

This half term we will be looking at numbers in more detail, using our knowledge of place value to read, write, order, compare and round numbers to 10 million. We will then move on to learning more about shapes, using their knowledge of properties to draw given angles and dimensions.

Daily times tables will also continue, this time focusing on the 11s.

Science



Our next Science topic is **Electricity**. We will learn about the symbols associated with each electrical component and use them to create circuit diagrams. We will then build circuits and investigate the effect of voltage on buzzers and light bulbs.

HRSE and PSHE

Year 6 will be visited by our local PCSO for an informative talk about drugs. During this session they will learn facts about legal and illegal harmful substances and their associated risks, including smoking, alcohol use and drug-taking.



Topic



Our next topic, 'Fallen Fields', is all about the First World War. Pupils will learn about trench warfare, the Christmas truce and life on the home front. They will identify the seven continents and the countries within Europe. In art, we will create mixed-media poppy artwork using paint, pastel and pencil.

Wider curriculum

In Spanish lessons our focus is 'School life', giving their opinions on what lessons they like and dislike. Miss Mallinson will continue leading music lessons and will focus on singing and playing the Christmas carols sung in the trenches. Our computing topic will focus on creating a website, ensuring we consider ownership and use of images.

PE

Mrs Salt and Mrs Kelsh-Ridge will be teaching basketball and badminton. Skills covered will include working as a team and receiving a return.

