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**Curriculum Information Letter – Year 6 2023**

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to be welcoming Year 6 back to school; it is encouraging to see how pleased they are to have returned and how quickly they are settling back into our school routines. In this letter, you will find an overview of the work that your child will be completing during this term. Please find opportunities to support your child’s learning by doing additional research on any new topics.

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| **RE** | This term, the children will be studying the following units: **The Story of the People of God**; **Followers of Christ**; **Prayers in the Lives of Followers of Christ**; and **Advent.** The children will take part in Collective Worship in class and Gospel Assemblies will be take place by video streaming into classrooms. |
| **English** | **Reading:** Thisterm we will be reading a selection of different texts developing both our oral and written comprehension. Our class novel this term is **Wonder by RJ Palacio**. We will also have a mini topic on the theme of “outsiders”, reading and discussing various books that fit in with this such as **Eric by** **Shaun Tan** and **The Island** by **Armin Greder.** We encourage children in Year 6 to be independent readers and to develop a clear record of the books they have been reading. We therefore insist that all children read each day for understanding and importantly for pleasure.  **Writing:** Our written work will include various short pieces linked to Wonder, as well as our outsiders topic, developing our understanding of both the impact of our writing on the reader as well as the purpose of our work.  **Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling:** Year 6 will follow the Programme of Study for Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Children will be issued with English homework books to support this learning at home.It is imperative that pupils understand the terminology of the curriculum. A set spelling list for testing is provided weekly. Homework will be set and marked on a Friday. Spellings will be set and due in on a Tuesday. We endeavor to also set details of homework and spellings on SeeSaw so the children can check at home if they are unsure. |
| **Maths** | All Year 6 pupils are required to evidence their understanding and application of the four operations (+, -, x and÷). In addition, pupils will study the following: Number and Place Value; Fraction, Decimals and Percentages and Geometry- position and direction  Please see your child’s KIRFs to memories this term (multiplication facts). |
| **Science** | Autumn 1: **How can we classify different groups of living organisms?**  Autumn 2: **Evolution** |
| **Computing** | Online Safety- keeping information private, Digital citizen (my online footprint)  Using block based code to solve online puzzles |
| **PE** | P.E will take place every Monday afternoon. Your child will still be permitted to wear their P.E. kit to school on a Monday. Please ensure that this is the correct school P.E. kit as outlined in our policy. A letter should be provided if your child is unable to participate in P.E for a medical reason. Topics to be taught this term are Dance and Gymnastics. |
| **Swimming** | For 3 weeks, starting next Thursday 14th September, Year 6 will go swimming for their PE activities. Please ensure they bring swimming costume, towel and if they would like to, goggles in a bag on Thursdays. |
| **French** | Children will develop their understanding of spoken and written French and work towards using spoken language with confidence and accuracy. |
| **History/Geography** | **Topic 1(Geography): How do the lives of Scandanavian people compare to ours?**  **Topic 2 (History): How did the Ancient Greeks influence the way we live today?**  Children are invited to research these topics out of school and bring in any information they have collected using their research books. |
| **Music** | **Music sessions with Mr Sullivan to include music notation.** |
| **DT** | **To design and make a pastry snack for a fika celebration** |

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| **Homework** | **Reading:** Daily – please sign your child’s reading diary once a week and encourage them to question, summarise, clarify and predict within their comments.  **Spelling:** Weekly- each week you child will be required to write a sentence for each spelling to show their understanding (**Spelling tests Tuesday)**  **X/÷ Facts/KIRFs:** Daily  **Other:** Both Literacy and Maths homework will be set weekly each **Friday.** Children will have a week to complete the tasks in their homework books. Additional reading should also be undertaken on MyON and Accelerated Reader. |
| **Attendance and Punctuality** | This year we have a school target of **97%** for pupils in Rec– 6. It is very important that your child attends school every day. Pupils with an attendance level of less than 90% are regarded by the Government as having Persistent Absence and parents will be invited into school to discuss reasons for persistent absence. School starts **at 8.40** and finishes at **3.20pm.** Please be aware of these new timings and make necessary adjustments to ensure that your child is here on time. If there is a cause for concern about your child’s punctuality you will be contacted to discuss this matter. |

Thursday 14th September – Year 6 Mass

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October – Parent Consultations

Tuesday 10th October – Young Minds Charity – Children to wear yellow £1 for charity

Tuesday 17th October KS2 Reading Meeting for Parents at 2.15pm

Tuesday 17th October Flu Immunisation

Thursday 19th October – Year 6 Mass

Tuesday 19th December – KS2 Carol Concert 1.45pm

Thursday 21st December Year 6 Mass

We recognise how important it is to communicate, so if you have any questions, concerns or worries, please contact the office and we will be able to phone you back when we aren’t teaching. Alternatively, we are usually available to speak at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gray, Mr Ullah, Ms. Hill