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**Curriculum Information Letter – Year 6 Autumn 2024**

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 Mass, Collective Worship in class and Gospel Assemblies. |
| **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 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 **Rose Blanche** **by Christophe Gallaz & Roberto Innocenti** and **A Story Like the Wind by Gill Lewis** 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. |
| **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: **How does the human body work?** |
| **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.  **Autumn 1: Gymnastics**  **Autumn 2: Dance**  Please ensure your child has the correct 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. |
| **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): What is it like in the Alps?**  **Topic 2 (History): What did the Greeks ever do for us?**  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.** |
| **Art** | **Drawing**: Make my voice heard  **Painting and mixed media:** Artist study |
| **DT** | **To design and make a Scandinavian pastry 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. Additional reading should also be undertaken on MyON.  **Spelling:** Children will receive a weekly spelling lists and be required to write a sentence for each spelling to show their understanding (Spelling tests Friday)  **Maths:** Set **Tuesday** due the following **Monday**.  **English:** Set **Friday** due the following **Thursday**.  X/÷ Facts/KIRFs: Daily  Spelling and homework pages are posted on Seesaw each week. |
| **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 8.40am** and finishes at **3.20pm.** If there is a cause for concern about your child’s punctuality you will be contacted to discuss this matter. |
| **Important dates:** | **Thursday 12th September** – Year 6 Mass  **Week Beg 30th Sept** - Harvest Foodbank Collection for Anawim (please bring in donations)  **Friday 4th October** – Y6 visit to St Chad’s Cathedral  **Thursday 10th Oct** - Young Minds Charity - Wear yellow for children's mental health (World Mental Health Day) (£1.00 donation)  **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October** – Parent Consultations  **Thursday 24th October** – Year 6 Mass  **Thursday 24th October** - Favourite Games/Toy afternoon (£1.00 donation  **Wednesday 18th December** – KS2 Carol Concert  **Thursday 19th 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 via email and we will respond as soon as possible. Alternatively, we are usually available to speak at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Litchfield, Mr Ullah & Miss Hill