

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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## Curriculum Information Letter – Year 6 Spring 2026

### Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter contains information that will assist you during the term as well as the run up to SATs-statutory tests all children in Year 6 will sit in May. Please keep it somewhere safe for reference. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to speak to us informally in the playground or make an appointment through the school office for a longer discussion.

#### **Punctuality and Attendance:**

Year 6 is a very important year and any time missed due to lateness and/or absenteeism can have an effect on the end of year levels that your child will achieve. Whilst we understand that illness cannot be avoided, we encourage children to be in school as much as is safely possible. Children should be on time, calculations lessons begin at 8:40am as soon as they arrive in school and this is valuable learning time missed if they are late.

In Year 6 children are expected to achieve certain levels that reflect the appropriate level of attainment for a child at 11 years old. It is important for you to be aware of these levels to ensure you can support your child at their level of ability:

LEVEL	MEANING
<b>GREATER DEPTH</b>	<b>Your child is working above age related expectations</b>
<b>EXPECTED</b>	<b>Your child is working at age related expectations</b>
<b>WORKING TOWARDS</b>	<b>Your child is working towards the expected level for an 11 year old</b>

Children will be constantly informed of their progress and how to develop those areas to improve their standards of achievement.

#### **Homework:**

This term the homework will be spellings, revision, allocated homework tasks and SATS past papers. Children are partly responsible for their eventual levels and must take this responsibility seriously. Each day children are also encouraged to revise misconceptions and errors from the day if we have used SATS papers. They should be encouraged to complete all tasks set at home and listen for feedback and answers given in class. Some children will be given targeted support and may be asked to learn their multiplications facts again or complete additional reading activities.

Where possible, children should access the internet for extra revision and extension activities:

- **TimesTables Rockstars** is a great resources to increase confidence in Maths skills.

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- Revision sites such as **KS2 BBC Bitesize** are good for interactive games and quizzes in English, Maths and Science and are all age and topic appropriate.
- **NRich** is also a fantastic website to challenge pupils and develop their mathematical reasoning and problems solving skills.
- Children should be reading every day either with their school reading book or on **MyOn** and make a record on Boom Reader.

**Please note the change to homework this term as we prepare the children for the move to Secondary School though providing a little extra homework to complete across the week.**

**English** homework is set on a **Friday** and due in on a **Thursday**.

**Maths** homework is set on a **Monday** and due in on a **Monday**.

***Please support the topic areas studied by encouraging library visits and Internet usage for some self-study at home.***

#### **Literacy:**

- **Extended writing:** The Origin of the Species by Sabina Radeva and The Ways of the Wolf by Smriti Halls will be our stimulus for writing this term where we will complete a variety of narrative writing pieces and a balanced argument.
- **Reading skills:** Give and/or explain the meaning of words in context; retrieve and record information and identify key details from fiction and non-fiction; summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph; make inferences from the text; explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text; predict what might happen from details stated and implied; identify and explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases; and make comparisons within a text. Our class novel this term is Percy Jackson by Rick Riordan.  
**It is imperative that children are reading on a daily basis and covering a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts.**
- **Grammar and Spelling Rules:** Children have revision guides which they should refer to at home and use a revision tools

#### **Maths:**

Children will be studying Mental Strategies, Fractions & Percentages, Algebra & Patterns, Statistics and Geometry in the first half of the Spring Term. We will then be revising all Year 5 and 6 topics throughout Spring Term 2.

- Maths tests will be sent home for homework as well as the homework books we have used throughout the year. These tests will be marked in class and questions your child got incorrect and areas to develop will be highlighted. Children are to focus on their areas to develop when revising not areas in which they are already confident.
- Pupils will also be given Arithmetic papers to complete on a daily basis.

**Science:** The topics to be taught this term are Evolution and Inheritance: **“How have things changed over time?”** and Electricity: **“Will this circuit work?”**

**RE:** We will be developing the children’s understanding of the Liturgical year as a celebration of the Life of Christ. This term in Religious Education, we are beginning a new unit called ***Dialogue and Encounter***. In this unit, pupils will explore different faiths and belief systems, learning about their key beliefs and practices, and developing skills of respectful dialogue, understanding, and empathy. We will be learning about the Christmas story, finding out how Catholics prepare for Easter during the Season of Lent and understanding and recalling the key events in Holy Week.

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**PE:** PE will take place on **Monday** afternoon this half term where we will be working on invasion games

This will be a hard-working term and we know that we can rely on you to support the school in ensuring that your child reaches their potential and is fully prepared for Year 7.

**Additional Dates:**

Class Church Visit - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Vocations Week - Week Beginning 26<sup>th</sup> January

SATS Parent Workshop Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Y6 Mass - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February

World Book Day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Fair Fundraiser - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Consultation Days - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March /Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

With Kind Regards,

Mrs Litchfield, Mr Ullah & Miss Hill

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