

PE

PE this half term will be every Tuesday afternoon with Blackburn Rovers Community Trust. We will be coaching the children to help them improve their gymnastic skills. The children will also create and perform a gymnastics sequence that they will develop over the half term.

Computing

Computing this half term will mostly consist of learning how to stay safe online. Especially important in Year 6, children will learn to safely and respectfully use the internet and will become increasingly aware of the dangers that surround its use. Children will also continue to develop their coding skills.

PSHE

Over the following 6 weeks in PSHE children will learn about the effects of drugs, alcohol and tobacco on the human body. They will learn about how each substance can affect us physically and emotionally. They will also develop their knowledge of risk: including how to avoid risk and how to deal with risk that is unavoidable.

Reading

In our guided reading sessions we will be using a whole class approach and begin by learning the key vocabulary from a range of texts. We will then ask questions about the texts we have read and answer questions to clarify and develop our understanding. We will begin our class novel 'Skellig' by David Almond. Also, every Monday we will have the opportunity to visit the school library to choose books to take home and read for pleasure.

Homework

In Year 6 this half term children will receive spellings, reading, grammar and maths homework each week. Children are expected to read at least 3 times a week and bring their reading book to school each day.

Each child will be given a maths and grammar CPG SATS guide and will be told which pages they should complete for homework each week.



Uniform



We have high standards at St. Aidan's and expect our pupils to ALWAYS be prepared for lessons and the school day ahead. Therefore, we expect the children to wear full uniform including their ALWAYS badge and have their book bag and PE kit in school everyday.

Autumn 1

Year 6



Year 6 teacher:
Mrs Rourke

Year 6 teaching assistant:
Mrs Rey

To arrange an after school appointment please ring the office on:

01254 53148



Maths

Maths this half term will mostly consist of consolidating our place value knowledge and our ability to use the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication & division) to answer arithmetic style questions.

As Year 6 is a particularly important year, children will work towards the expected standard for the year group to help them achieve their very best later this academic year in the SATS tests.

Particular objectives to be covered this half term are:

- Round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy.
- Read, write, compare and order numbers up to 10 million.
- Use negative numbers in context and calculate differences across zero.

Please encourage children to actively participate in any homework tasks, it will help to reinforce and consolidate the learning we are completing at school and will positively impact them as they move through the school year.

English

During this half term we will be using 'Skellig' for inspiration to create our own chapter.

Children will begin by developing their knowledge of different sentence structures and the grammatical knowledge needed to write at the expected standard for Year 6. Our writing will include a range of text types such as: descriptive recounts of both character and setting, a diary entry and a biography.

Please encourage your children to complete the grammar homework set each week in their CPG revision book as it will help to reinforce the work we have done in school and elevate their writing to the Year 6 expected standard.

Grammar areas that we are due to cover this half term are:

- Main & subordinate clauses, word classes, parenthesis, antonyms & synonyms, modal verbs and relative clauses.

Science

Our science topic this half term is Light. We will be learning how light travels and how we need light to see objects. We will be doing experiments to aid our understanding and we will think scientifically to explain and justify our findings. We will explore sources of light and explore how light can be controlled. We will research scientists linked to light.

History

Our History topic this term is World War 2. Children will explore why winning the Battle of Britain in the 1940's was so important. They will use historical enquiry to strengthen their understanding. The children will learn about the Blitz: what it was and why it happened. Also, we will research what life was like for a child on the home front and what it was like to be an evacuee.

RE

In R.E we will give children an opportunity to think about the idea that life is a journey and what it means to make that journey as a Christian. We will look at ways in which having faith gives meaning and purpose to the journey of life. Finally, we will look at the journey that Jesus went on and the life of other biblical characters.