

PE

Our PE this half term is every Thursday afternoon, we will be learning the skills needed to play Hockey. We will be concentrating on attacking and defending by using hand eye coordination before we play competitively. Please ensure PE kits are always in school to ensure they can fully participate in these activities.

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 every Friday with Junior Jam.

PSHE

Over the following 6 weeks in PSHE children will learn about how our mental health affects our everyday lives. They will learn about factors which affect their individual mental health and learn about strategies we can use to improve our mental wellbeing.

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 'Macbeth'. 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 Spelling, Reading, Grammar and Maths homework each week. Children are expected to read at least twice 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. Homework will be set on a Wednesday and will be due in by the following Wednesday.



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.

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Year 6



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Year 6 teaching assistant:
Mrs. Rey

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Maths

Maths this half term will begin by learning about fractions, including: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. As well as learning to manipulate decimals, fractions and percentages for both assessment and in real life situations.

As Year 6 is a particularly important year, children will working 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:

- To convert between fractions, decimals and percentages
- To multiply and divide decimals
- To find percentages of amounts

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

Science

This half term in Science the children will be learning about Electricity. They will consolidate knowledge about the scientific symbols when drawing diagrams, comparing and giving reasons for certain components and their functions.

Children will investigate how variations in components effect the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the speed of motors.

Learning will culminate in a Dragon's Den style presentation demonstrating all they have learnt.

English

Our English this half term will be based around our class text 'Macbeth'.

We will be writing a newspaper report and a balanced argument using persuasive techniques and our oracy skills.

Children will further consolidate their knowledge of different sentences structures and the grammatical knowledge needed to write at the expected standard for Year 6. Particularly focussing on using a wider range of punctuation.

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 elevating their writing to the Year 6 expected standard.

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

- Punctuating speech—direct and reported
- Parenthesis (Brackets, Dashes, Commas)
- Hyphens
- Recap types of clause
- Shifts in formality

Children are assessed in spelling, reading, grammar and writing against all Y6 curriculum objectives to ensure continuous progression.

History

Our History topic this half term is Ancient Greece.

Children will be able to answer a range of topic questions including:

- Why were the Ancient Greeks?
- What was everyday life like in Ancient Greece?
- What made the Ancient Greeks so powerful?
- What were the beliefs of the Ancient Greeks?
- What legacy did they leave behind?

RE

This half term children will be reflecting on how Christians prepare for the Eucharist. Children will deepen their understanding of why and how we celebrate the Eucharist.

They will be encouraged to ask questions about why this time of worship is called The Eucharist/Holy Communion/Mass/Lord's Supper.

The links between the Last Supper, Passover and the Eucharist will be highlighted to the children.