St. Bega's

Class 6 Half-Termly letter Spring 1

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We are looking forward to another hardworking term. This newsletter informs you of the topics this term and gives some suggestions on how you can support your child with their learning.

Please encourage and support your child to read at home. Remember we start promptly at 8.50am, with doors opening at 8.40am and the school day finishes at 3.20pm. Please ensure that children are in school as much as possible, on time. Thank you for continuing to adhere to the uniform and PE kit policies. PE Kit should be brought into school on Monday and can be left for half term. Please continue to ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform for school and that long hair is tied back. Also, as the weather continues to be cold, children need to bring a coat, hat, gloves etc. in to school.

********Please note - YEAR 6 SATS WEEK IS 13TH - 16TH MAY 2024

Subject	What we are learning	What you can do to help your child at home
THE ROSARY .	Year 5 - 'Mission' and 'Memorial Sacrifice'. In the	Speak to your child about what they have learnt during
	topic 'Mission' we will learn more about the role	the lessons.
Building Faith 10 Commandments	of our diocese and the bishop. In 'Memorial	
Religious Education	Sacrifice' we learn more about the Eucharist and	Help your child to understand the concepts taught and
And RSE (Relationships	how it keeps the memory of Jesus alive and	how they can use what they have learnt in their daily
and Sex Education	present. The Big Questions are: Do we all have a mission? Why do we need memories?	routines.
	Year 6 – 'Sources' and 'Unity.' In the topic	
	Sources the children learn more about the Bible	
	being the special book for the church. In Unity,	
	we learn more about how the Eucharist enables	
	people to live in communion.	
	Big questions are: Are books enriching? Why are	
	we happiest when we are united?	

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A Werbi	This term we are continuing to focus the basic skills of writing This includes sentence structures, correct use of punctuation and spellings, and ensuring handwriting and presentation is of a high standard. If you would like further details of this, please speak to Mrs McMurdo. Within daily reading lessons, our main focus will be vocabulary, retrieval (finding answers in the text) and inference (drawing a conclusion from what we have read).	If children are completing any work at home, please encourage high standards. Reading – please ensure you read with/ensure your child reads 3 times per week and uploads comments on to Seesaw.



For Year 5's physics objectives are our focus this term.

Year 5 will be exploring 'Magnets and Forces'. They will know about the work of Isaac Newton and know that force is measured by a newton meter. They will identify the effects of air and water resistance and the effects of friction acting between moving surfaces. They will recognise how some mechanisms use smaller forces for greater affect.

For Year 6, biology objectives continue to be the focus this term.

Year 6 will:

- Know what is meant by the term evolution.
- Know evolution occurs over a long period of time (for multicellular organisms)
- Identify why species show variation.
- Explain how animals and plants are adapted to their environment.
- Identify work done by Charles Darwin, Alfred Wallace, Mary Anning and John Edmonstone.
- State the environment humans evolved in.
- Explain how geographical location has resulted in the evolution of a spectrum of skin colours.

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GEOGRAPHY	We will continue our Geography topic – Japanese	Ask your children what they have learnt can they recap
	Tsunami This topic focusses on:	their new learning and explain it to you?
	Describing the location of JapanKnowing the sequence and timescale of	Research Japan and other tsunami.
	cause, effect, and response to the tsunami	nescaren Japan and other tsunann.
	disaster – including tectonic theory,	
	location, and levels of wealth and	
	development.	
	 Categorising what constitutes cause, effect 	
	and response using social, economic and	
	environmental classifications.Looking at response – what types of	
	 Looking at response – what types of responses are needed after a disaster? 	
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	This term we are focussing on:	Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. As PE may
	Tuesday:	sometimes be outside, please ensure children have
twi	Netball with sports coaches	plain black leggings/jogging bottoms and a plain black
	Wadnesdaye	hoody/jumper alongside their other kit.
	Wednesday: Gymnastics	
	- Cymnastics	
	Spreadsheets:	Children can log on to their Purple Mash account at
	To use a spreadsheet to investigate the	home and practice their skills.
	probability of the results of throwing many dice,	
	calculate discount and final prices, how to spend	
	pocket money and effects of saving.	



Painting Link our painting objectives to Tsunami and the work of the artist Kanagawa – Katsushika Hokusai.

Continue artist research.

We will continue to use the seesaw class app and family as a platform to communicate with parents as well as share some of their work from school. If you have any further questions on how you can support your child with their learning this term, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McMurdo. Thank you for your continued support.