Class Newsletter

Year 6

Welcome back pupils and families! We hope you have had a lovely summer and are refreshed and recharged, ready for the final year at St Mary's! This is such an exciting and important year, full of opportunities to learn, mature, and prepare for the next stage of their journey. We look forward to working closely with you to ensure that each child has a happy and memorable year and is able to FLOURISH.

Miss Lydon and Mrs Johnston

Key Dates

- 8.9.26 World Foodbank Day
- 10.9.26 – whole school flu vaccinations
- W/C 12.10.26 – Year 6 assessment week
- 21.10.26 – class trip to Eden Camp – letter to follow

Any changes or updates will be communicated through Arbor.

Key Information

Children must wear their PE kits on a Tuesday and Thursday. This consists of a royal blue PE top, black shorts, leggings or joggers, and black trainers. School-branded hoodies are also permitted on these days.

Pupils must not wear jewellery; this will result in pupils being unable to go outside during break or take part in PE.

Curriculum Coverage

RE

Our first topic of this academic year is 'Creation and Covenant'. Within this topic, the children will explore the Old Testament and how God created our world.

Literacy

Our class text this term is Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick – a story of a girl whose life is greatly impacted by the devastating floods caused by climate change.

Throughout this half term, pupils will be exploring writing genres such as newspaper reports, leaflets, balanced arguments, and many more. We will be building upon our already extensive spelling, punctuation, and grammar (SPaG) knowledge daily, which will enable us to write for a range of purposes and audiences.

During Black History Month, the children will be exploring historian and author David Olusoga to create a museum guide.

Pupils will continue to use ReadingPlus as an additional tool to improve reading skills, alongside dedicated Guided Reading lessons where we will explore the different question types. Spelling will be taught explicitly each day; we are starting a new spelling scheme this year—Emile Spelling—which focuses on the morphology of words and learning patterns and rules to help aid spelling. Handwriting is taught daily, at the beginning of each literacy lesson, and is a core focus for us this year at St Mary's! I will be sharing exceptional progress in presentation with you throughout the half-term.

Maths

We will be exploring the foundations of mathematics within the first few weeks of school - focusing on place value and then moving onto addition and subtraction. Pupils will have weekly arithmetic lessons, where I break down each step of arithmetic, focusing on one strand, mastering it and then moving onto the next strand.

Multiplication knowledge is crucial for maths, pupils should be practising these weekly at home in addition to learning in school. TimeTable Rockstars is a fantastic game, which the children all love and are familiar with.

Geography

We will be exploring biomes this half-term. Pupils will learn about different climates and the flora and fauna that exists within them. We will be focusing on rainforests.

DT

Pupils will unlock their inner Gordon Ramsay as they learn how to make a vegetable curry in food technology.

Science

Pupils will explore the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.

MFL

In French, children will learn a variety of adjectives to describe a house. They will practise their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in a different language.

Personal Development

Our topic this term is 'Being in our World'

Children will understand how it feels to belong and that we are similar and different. They will start to recognise and manage their feelings and feel more in control of them.

Music

We are very lucky that our music is taught by Tardis Education, music specalists. The children will be exploring tempo, rhytmn and many different music genres.

Computing

Pupils will explore computing systems and networks.

'I can do all this through him who gives me strength.' - Philippians 4:13