

Year 6 Autumn Newsletter 2021

Welcome back! We are really happy to have you back in school and we are looking forward to the year ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

Year 6 Team:

St. Matthew's
Miss Gilligan & Mrs Shields

St. Margaret's
Mr Fielder & Mrs Parker

The School Day

This term you will be able to bring in a school bag / rucksack which should have your reading book, reading record which should be kept in your reading folder. We also encourage children to bring in a healthy snack for break times and a water bottle. Remember to also bring your lunch box (if you aren't having school dinners).

Homework Expectations

	Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables	Religious Education
Year 6	Reading daily for 15-20 minutes using your library book.	Spelling Shed (You will have 10 words to revise - use Spelling Shed as much as you can)	CGP Grammar Book 2 pages to be assigned by class teacher weekly.	Maths Factor Using your Active Learn login	Times table Rock Stars (As much as you can)	Complete weekly page in homework diary linking to the weekly Gospel reading.

Where to access the homework:

Maths homework: Can be found at <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

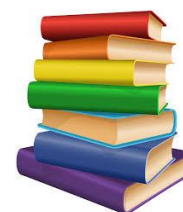
Spelling homework: can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).

Grammar homework: CGP Grammar book will be sent home weekly. Pages to be completed will be directed in their homework diaries. (Please only complete the selected pages)

Times Table Rock Stars - <https://trockstars.com/> (There is also an app).

Reading homework

We expect our pupils to read for 15-20 minutes per day to support their learning at school. Through reading and hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they read, which is vital as they continue to develop their narrative writing. We expect reading journals to be signed and brought into school on a daily basis and we'll be monitoring this regularly.



Subject Information

RE: In R.E our first topic is 'Loving' and we will be focusing our lessons around the big question: 'Do you have to earn love?' We'll then be moving onto the topics 'Vocation and Commitment' and for Advent 'Expectations'. In Year 6 we focus more on making links between faith and scripture and we encourage you to discuss this at home.



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English: Our first text in Year 6 is *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo and a favourite for many Year 6 children. Children will write poems, letters, newspaper articles and many other forms of writing based on the events in the story. We then move on to study 'Refugee Boy' written by Benjamin Zephaniah.

Science: In science we will be looking at Animals (Including humans) with a particular focus on the impact exercise and diet has on the body's ability to function. After half term the children will then be moving onto 'Evolution and Inheritance'.

CLC: Our first CLC topic in Year 6 is 'Where shall we sail to?' During this topic, children will be learning how to read maps, study different countries and cultures and using what they have learnt to prepare our Year 6 International Day which will be held on Friday October 22nd. After half term the children will then be setting out to find an answer to our topic question 'How can we heal the world's conflicts?'



PE: PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please ensure that your child comes into school on their PE days wearing the correct PE kit. Information on what our PE kit should consist of can be found on the following link:

<https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/school-life/school-uniform>

We encourage children to come to school with a refillable water bottle (no single-use plastic bottles please) to keep hydrated throughout the day.

Medical and SEND information

We ask that any medication or asthma pumps are in school. Any medical or SEND information needs to be emailed to the school office – Addressed to Mrs Balcombe (KS2).

Important dates

Thursday 23rd September: Year 6 residential meeting

Tuesday 12th October: Harvest Festival

Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th October: Parent Consultations

Thursday 21st October: St. Ursula's Day Mass – Children only

Friday 22nd October: International Day.

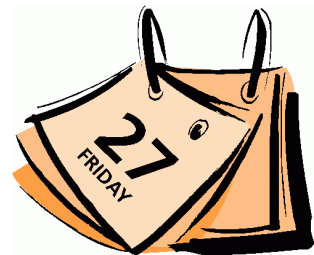
Monday 1st November: INSET Day

Thursday 4th November: Year 6 mass (children only)

Thursday 11th November: Year 6 leading KS2 Remembrance Assembly

Thursday 16th December: Autumn Reports sent to parents

Friday 17th December: Junior Christmas Concert at 1.30pm



Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help your child be the best that they can be!