

Year 6 Autumn Newsletter 2022

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 and Miss Titus

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 Shed (The number of assignments set will vary depending on the topic.)	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:

Spelling and Maths 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.

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



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events in the story. We then move on to study 'The Silver Sword' which is a story that follows the lives of a Polish family seeking refuge during World War II.

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 4th November (First week back from half-term). After half-term the children will then be discovering what life was like in England during the Blitz.



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.

St. Matthew's will be taking part in swimming lessons from Thursday 6th October till the end of term. Children are to attend school in their PE kit – they will need to bring a bag for their swimming outfit and towel.

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 Butler.

Important dates

Friday 23rd September: Year 6 residential meeting

Thursday 6th October- End of term- St. Matthew's swimming lessons

Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th October: Parent Consultations

Friday 21st October: St. Ursula's Day Mass

Friday 4th November: International Day.

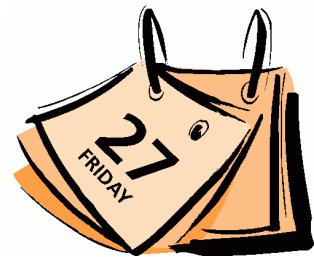
Wednesday 9th November: Year 6 leading KS2 Remembrance Assembly

Monday 21st November- Advent Penitential Mass

Thursday 15th December: Autumn Reports sent to parents

Thursday 15th December: Curriculum Celebration Afternoon

Friday 16th December: Junior Christmas Concert at 1.30pm
(School Trip to the Imperial War Museum- TBC)



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