



Year 6 Autumn Newsletter 2023



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	CLC
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.	Homework will be sent out at the start of each term. 2 tasks to be completed each half term.

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 directed 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?' - This allows children to explore the concept of love and God's unconditional love for all of his Christian family. We'll then be moving onto the topics 'Vocation and Commitment' where we look at the vocation of a priest before finishing the term with 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 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.



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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 14th September until 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 15th September – Year 6 Residential Meeting for Parents

Friday 29th September – Parent Coffee Morning

Thursday 5th October – Harvest Mass

Tuesday 10th October – World Mental Health Day

Friday 13th October – Wellbeing Day – Non-Uniform

Monday 16th October – Parents' Evening

Tuesday 17th October – Parents' Evening

Thursday 19th October – International Day

Friday 20th October – St. Ursula's Day Mass

October Half-Term Holidays –

w/c 23.10.23 – 29.10.23

Wednesday 1st November – All Saints Mass

Tuesday 7th November – Year 6 Remembrance Assembly

Thursday 9th November – Remembrance Day Mass

Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day

Friday 1st December – Advent Penitential Mass

Thursday 7th December – Celebration Afternoon & End of Term Reports

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December – KS2 Christmas Concert

Monday 18th December – INSET DAY

Tuesday 19th December – INSET DAY

Prayer for the start of the Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

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