



Year 6 Spring Newsletter 2022



Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all had a joyful Christmas break and were able to spend time with family and friends. This is our last term before SATs and we have spent a lot of time planning lessons, intervention timetables and preparing resources that will best support your children's learning. This newsletter will provide you with an overview for 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 continue to bring in a school bag / rucksack which should have your reading book, reading record, Grammar CGP textbook and now your Maths CGP textbook. 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 CGP Maths book. 2 pages assigned by the class teacher weekly.	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>

There will also be an intervention on Wednesday lunchtimes for children who are struggling with the Maths CPG homework.

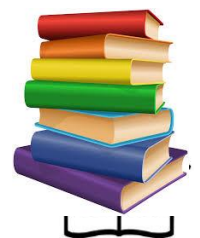
Spelling homework: can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).

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 this term is 'Sources' and we will be focusing our lessons around the big question: 'How does the Bible enrich our lives?' We'll then be moving onto the topics 'Giving' for Easter and for Pentecost

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'Serving'. In Year 6 we focus more on making links between faith and scripture and we encourage you to discuss this at home.

English: The Spring term will start off with the great novel 'The Silver Sword'. The story follows a Polish family, surrounded by the horrors of the Second World War, and the challenges each of them face to find refuge.

Science: In the first half of this term, the children will be studying 'Light'. They will delve deeper into the subject and explore such questions as 'How does light help us see?' After half term the children will then be moving onto 'Electricity'.

CLC: In CLC our first topic will be 'The London Blitz'. During this topic, children will explore what life was like during the Blitz. They write newspaper articles, letters from the perspective of evacuees and create their own 'Jive' routine. The children will also have a WWII day, in which they will dress up in the clothes of that era and celebrate VE day. After the half term, we'll be going back further in history and exploring the Mayan Civilisation.



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.

This term St. Margaret's class will also be taking swimming lessons at the Central Park Leisure Centre on Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:30pm. Children will need appropriate swim suits, swimming hat, towel and goggles if needed.

Year 6 Interventions

On Thursday mornings Mrs Hall will be leading intervention sessions which will focus on securing children working at the expected level in Reading, Maths and Grammar.

During these sessions, children will learn how to navigate through a SATs paper and have the opportunity to correct any misconceptions in a smaller focus group.

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 (KS2).

Important dates

Monday 7th February 2022 – Parents' Evening (Phone consultation)

Tuesday 8th February 2022 – Parents' Evening (Phone consultation)

Monday 7th February 2022 – Year 6 WWII Day (Dress up)

Wednesday 2nd March 2022 – Ash Wednesday

Friday 4th March 2022 – CLC workshop

Friday 18th March 2022 – Scientist Day (Dress up) – British Science Week

Thursday 24th March 2022 – Celebration Afternoon

Thursday 24th March 2022 – End of Term Reports to be sent home

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