



Year 6 Spring Newsletter 2023



Happy New Year. We hope you had a fun and relaxing Christmas Break. This term will involve a lot of work to ensure your children are prepared for SATs. We have been working hard creating bespoke resources and engaging lessons to support the children in their learning. 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 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	Flipped Curriculum
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.) 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.	Complete 2 tasks per half term (from the homework sheet).

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,



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



English: During the first half of the Spring Term we will be reading 'Refugee Boy' by Benjamin Zephaniah, the book promotes great discussions allowing children to consider how difficult it would be to move to a new place and learn about the different cultures and practises. For the second half of the Spring Term we will be reading 'Rainplayer', a Maya folk tale.

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: Our first topic in the New Year is based on the question: 'How can we heal the world's conflicts?' During this topic we will be linking to our English text Refugee Boy and examining the impact of war through our history. After the half term, we'll be going back further in history and exploring the Maya 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.

St. Matthew's will be continuing their swimming sessions for the 12th and the 19th January and St. Margaret's will have swimming lessons from the 26th January until the end of term.

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

Thursday 5th January -	Children return to school
Friday 6th January -	Christmas Concert (Postponed from December)
Monday 6th February -	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 7th February -	Parents' Evening
Friday 10th February -	INSET Day = No School for the children
13th - 19th February -	Half Term
Monday 20th February -	Children return to school
Friday 3rd March -	C.S.I. Road Safety Workshop (Years 5 & 6)
Friday 17th March -	Science Dress Up Day
Friday 31st March -	Easter Egg Hunt

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

