



Year 6 Spring Newsletter 2024



Welcome back to all our families after the Christmas break. We hope that you had a happy time celebrating this special season. Thank you for all your kind messages, cards and gifts over the Christmas season – they are greatly appreciated!

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.

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).

Reminders

- Remember to pre-order your lunches via Squid to ensure you get the school dinner that you want.
- Don't forget that the school day starts at 8.45 with gates being opened at 8.35, this means your child needs to be in the classroom at 8.45 or they will be marked as late.
- Our library days in Year 6 are Tuesday and Friday, if your child doesn't bring in their book on these days, then they will not be able to take a new one.
- The payment plan for the residential is up and running, please use Schoolcomms to complete payments.

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 Pages to be assigned by class teacher weekly.	Maths Shed (The number of assignments set will vary depending on the topic.) CGP Maths book, 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).

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. The title of the book and pages read should be recorded.



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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' considering how it is made, conducted and how it supports our everyday lives.

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. Margaret's will have swimming

lessons from the 11th January until the end of term. Please ensure they have the correct kit including a swimming hat and goggles.

Important dates

Thursday 4th January -	Children return to school
Friday 5th January -	Epiphany Mass (Years 3-6)
Friday 26th January -	Coffee morning
Thursday 8th February -	Christian Unity Mass (Year 2 & 5)
12th -13th February -	Parents Evening
Wednesday 14th February -	Ash Wednesday Service (Year 1 -6)
Friday 16th February:	Inset Day (School Closed)
Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February:	Half-term Break
Friday 1st March -	Coffee Morning
Thursday 7th March -	Lent Penitential Mass (Year 3 & 1)
Friday 8th March -	World Book Day Dress up
Friday 15 th March -	Science Dress Up Day
Thursday 21st March -	Easter Mass (Reception -Year 6)
Thursday 28th March -	Coffee morning (Easter Crafting)
Thursday 28th March -	Curriculum Celebration afternoon and End of Term reports
Friday 29th March -	Bank Holiday (School closed)
2nd - 12th April -	Easter break

