

"AS A FAMILY WE LIVE, LOVE, LEARN AND CELEBRATE WITH JESUS."

# Welcome to Year 6

**Teacher: Mrs Kelly** 

Mrs Balicki and Mr Robey



#### About me...

- I have been a teacher for 26 years and have taught all primary year groups.
- I am married and have two children.
- I am responsible for RE, RSE/PHSE, an ECT mentor and KS2 leader.
- I love teaching and working with children, every day is different, and every child brings joy and happiness.



# Year 6 is important because...

- Your children are the oldest in the school and grow in independence throughout the year.
   They become role models
- Year 6 enables them to get ready for secondary school and it also encourages them to learn about themselves as people
- Year 6 gives your children a lot of responsibility and important roles
- The production/residential are always highlights!



### Behaviour

As parents you have made a positive choice in sending your child to The Holy Family School. Our commitment is to promote excellent behaviour and behaviour for learning. For this to happen we ask that you are involved in your child's school life and are supportive of our school ethos and behaviour policy. Our behaviour policy is an inclusive and restorative policy. We listen to our children and in cases of poor behaviour allow them to find ways to rectify this.

Our behaviour policy can be found on our school website.

Our Home School Agreement can be found on our school website

Please ensure you read this document carefully. By choosing to send your child to our school you are agreeing to uphold the commitments in this agreement.



### Attendance & punctuality

# Good attendance at school is vital and is directly linked to academic success.

- School gates open at 8.45am and close promptly at 9am. Arrival after this should be via the school office. Arrivals later than 9.15am will be marked as unauthorised absence.
- Should your child be unable to attend school due to illness you must inform the school office by 9.30am. After this time the school office will phone to find out the reason for absence. If we are unable to make contact by 10.30am a member of the senior leadership team may make a home visit for safeguarding purposes.
- Leave of absence holidays should not be taken during term time and cannot be authorised. In exceptional circumstances some absences may be authorised at the discretion of the head teacher.
- School finishes at 3.15pm, please ensure you are on time to collect your child. If you are going to be late please let the office know.
- At 3.25pm children who have not been collected will go to the school office. Children who have not been collected by 3.30pm will attend afterschool club and there may be a charge.



#### Classroom routines

- 8:45-9am = Registration
- 9-10= Maths
- 10-10:30= Guided Reading, Spelling, DEAR, Daily mile, Assembly
- 10:30-10:45 = Break
- 10:45-11= Maths fluency
- 11-12= English
- 12-12:25= Guided Reading, Spelling, DEAR, Daily mile
- 12:25-1:15= Lunch
- 1:15-1:25= Meditation
- 1:25-2:30= Afternoon lesson 1
- 2:30-3:10= Afternoon lesson 2
- 3:15= End of the day



### Classroom routines

- On Wednesday's the children have music lessons with Mrs Kee's and choir/hymn practise as a school
- On Tuesday's the children do LOTC and PE and must come to school in PE kits
- Every Friday we will have celebration assembly
- We also have a values award and a handwriting award



# **Sports/Outdoor learning**

- PE and LOTC will be on Tuesday
- Children need to wear their PE kit into school, dark (Black) joggers and hoodie (no brands)
- School sweatshirt or cardigan
- Trainers (black)
- Raincoat
- Wellies can be left in school.



### This half term in Year 6

#### Our topic is: The Vile Victorians

- This will be taught through: Some English, Guided Reading, Music, History, Art
- In maths we are learning about: place value, multiplying and dividing by 10/100/1000, choosing effective mental calculation strategies and problem solving with the 4 operations.
- In English, we will be starting the school year with a whole school project based on the book: Coming to England. After this, children will be planning and writing a narrative based around a book titled: Wisp- A story of Hope. It is a powerful and uplifting story of a young refugee who discovers hope.
- Our Science topic this half term is: Animals including humans. In this unit we will look at: the main parts of the circulatory system, the digestive system and a healthy lifestyle.
- In RE our topic is: Loving. Children will learn that it is in the love of a family that Christians first experience the reality of Church. We will explore how God loves everyone equally through different parts of our lives.
- Children will also do: PE, LOTC, computing, French



## This half term in Year 6



#### **Curriculum Information - Year 6**

#### <u>Autumn Term 1 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</u>

Dear Parents/Carers,

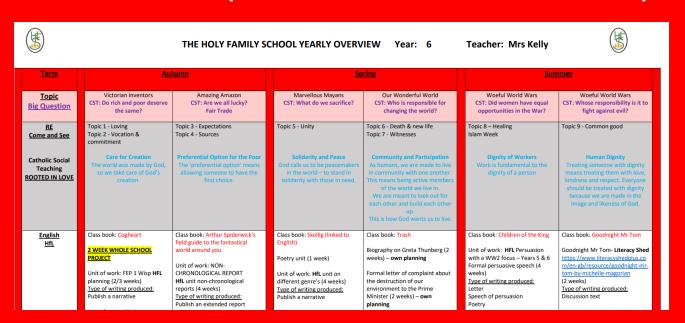
This half term our topic is: Victorian Britain. The children will be completing learning related to this topic in: English, History, Music and Art. All other lessons will be taught discreetly.

English	We will be starting the school year with a whole school project based on the book: Coming to England by Florella Benjamin.  After this, children will write a short narrative based on the book The Wisp.  We will then look at the Planetarium, we complete some non-chronological writing based on this book.  Our Class novel is Cogheart.	
Maths	Our maths learning this half term will focus on: e.g. place value, multiplying and dividing by 10/100/1000, choosing effective mental calculation strategies, problem solving with the 4 operations and application of factors, multiples and prime numbers.	
Science	Our Science topic this half term is: Animals including humans. In this unit we will look at: the main parts of the circulatory system, the digestive system and a healthy lifestyle.	
PE	his half term we will be looking at: Netball. Children will learn to: create and	



# **Topics in Year 6**

- Vile Victorians (Autumn 1)
- Amazing Amazon (Autumn 2)
- Magnificent Mayans (Spring 1)
- Our Wonderful World (Spring 2)
- Woeful World Wars (Summer 1 & Summer 2)





# How we Teach English/reading

- Reading is very important in Year 6, we have a class library and will have trained librarians
- For English, we follow the Herts for Learning scheme which is focused around high quality key texts that the children follow for a number of weeks. Throughout this key text, they will produce a range of pieces of work with different purposes
- In Year 6, children must take control over their own writing with lots of opportunities to edit and improve
- Imagination is always allowed!



### **How we Teach Spelling**

- Spelling is not about spelling tests
- Spelling is about learning patterns and rules that will equip your child to be confident when faced with new words
- We do spelling once or twice a week for short 15/20 minute sessions
- Your child should be secure with the year 3-4 words and be working on the statutory year 5/6 words



### **How we Teach Maths**

- In Year 6 we use Herts for Learning scheme which is highly regarded
- We follow a progressive sequence of outcomes which build on each other
- We used concrete, pictoral and abstract resources to help the children
- Children work with me, Mrs Balicki and Mr Robey, in pairs, in groups and independently dependent on the task
- I often move them around in maths lessons
- Lessons are broken down into whole class starter activities and main tasks
- Maths fluency sessions are 2-3 times a week which include no NEW teaching



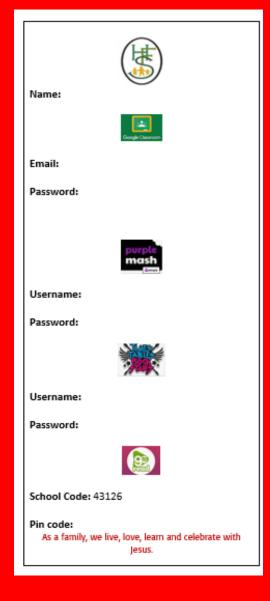
# How can you help your child?

- Reading is KEY! Create a nice environment for your child to read, listen to them read, ask them about what they are reading. Encourage them to update their Boom Reader.
- TIMES TABLES ARE KEY! Does your child have access to TTRS? I can't stress times tables enough, they are integral to the rest of your child's learning in maths this year.
- Install a growth mindset in your child
- Help them to complete homework when needed



# How can you help your child?

Please ensure your child can log into all the websites to support their home learning.





# **Home learning Expectations**

Homework is uploaded on Tuesday's and due the following Monday

Reading is checked on Monday's

- Share the Wednesday Word Gospel
- Update BoomReader 5 times a week
- Go on TTRS 3 times a week
- Complete the Google classroom activity
- Complete weekly spelling activity















# **Home learning Expectations**



#### The Holy Family School Homework Expectations 2023-24



Year	English	Maths	RE homework
6	Daily Reading – 20 minutes (Pupils to	Purple Mash – activity set by class teacher	Share the weekly Wednesday word
	log on Boom Reader)	Times Tables Rock Stars – 20 minutes 3x per	Gospel reading with your child.
		week	
	Spelling activity – Purple Mash		
		Additional SATs preparation homework as set	·
		by the teacher	about the Gospel reading.



#### **Educational Visits**

Autumn 1 – 29.9.23 – Aylesford Priory - £20

Autumn 2 – 3.11.23 – The British Schools Museum £20 TBC

Summer term – Residential – Grafham Water TBC



### **SATs**

#### Key stage 2

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024.



- We will hold a whole school Mass at least once each term, the whole school community are invited.
- There will be a class Mass for each year group across the year, parents and family are invited to attend.



### Communication

**Class page** - Will be updated by me at different points throughout the year (at least once every half term) with photographs, letters and information.

X (Twitter) - @holyfamilyWGC

Facebook - TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC

**Newsletters & News bulletins** 

My email is: <a href="mailto:year6@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk">year6@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk</a>

Email me whenever you need, these will be checked daily.

# Any Questions?

