



January 2023 Lent Term

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas spent with family and friends and I wish you all a very Happy New Year. Please find below a list of the topics that we will be covering during the coming Lent term.

RE

Our topics in RE are 'Sources', 'Unity' and 'Death and New Life.' The first topic looks at the different genres of books and how they all have some impact on us, in terms of our thoughts and experiences. In this topic we will be learning more about The Bible as the story of God's love and the different books that make up the Bible. Unity looks at what makes friendships and how the Eucharist challenges Christians to live in communion. We will explore some of the stories relating to Jesus' death and resurrection and the joy Christians experience with His resurrection.

Explore homework will be sent out at the beginning of each topic. It is important that this work is completed to a high standard as it will be placed into the children's RE books.

We will also have the opportunity to take part in Retreats and continue to work toward the Faith in Action Award with our chaplain, Lucy.



English

During this term, the children will be studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We are beginning the Lent term reading the wonderful text 'Darwin's Dragons' by Lindsay Galvin. Set in the 1830's aboard the HMS Beagle with Charles Darwin during his voyage to the Galapagos Islands, this text will support our learning in our science topic: 'Evolution and Inheritance'. The children will build on their English skills by learning a range of writing techniques and develop their reading skills through a variety of comprehension activities including the use of VIPERS.



In the second half of the term, we will be using the thrilling text 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Both these books will provide material for some wonderful English work and prompt much opportunity for discussion.

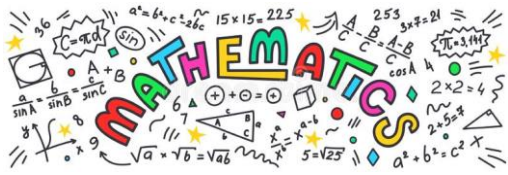
Spellings

We will continue to use the Pyramid approach to the teaching of spelling. The pyramid will be given to your child this week (a copy is also available on our class page on Class Dojo).

Spellings will be tested on a Thursday and the first test will be **Thursday 12th January**.

Reading

Please continue to read regularly with your child, as this greatly improves their progress in all areas of the curriculum. Your child should try and read every night for 15 minutes at least and record this in their books. Please make every effort to hear your child read at least 3 times per week and record this in their diary. **Please ensure reading diaries are in school on a Monday for weekly reading to be checked.**



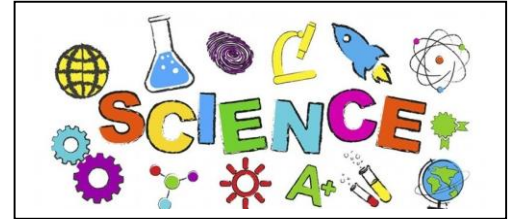
Maths

Maths will continue to follow the White Rose curriculum with supporting materials. This term some of the topics studied will be: decimals, percentages, algebra, ratio and measurement. We will also be working hard on our maths

arithmetic skills.

Science

Our Science topic for this term is Evolution and Inheritance. The children will learn about evolution and how animals and plants have adapted over time to suit their environment. This learning will be supported by our work in English.



Geography

This term the children's topic will be, 'Our Interconnected World: a study of the UK, France and China.' During the first half term, the focus will be the physical geography of these countries and human geography in the second half term.

Computing.

In Computing, we will be following the NCCE programme of study. This term we will look at creating media and spreadsheets. We will continue to use Word and the Internet to enhance the work we do in other curriculum areas. We will also look at how we can make sure we are safe online.

Music

We are very fortunate that our weekly music lessons taught by a specialist music teacher will continue this term. Our music lessons will be on a Thursday morning.

French

We will continue to study French using the Language Angels scheme of work. The children will study two new units and revise key areas and vocabulary from last term.

This term, teachers in Key Stage 2 will continue to teach their lead subject to Years 3 -6. These subjects will be taught on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon and the following teachers will teach Class 6:

Miss Gibbens - Science
Mrs Fitzpatrick - French
Mrs Oates - Computing
Miss Bamford - PSHE

P.E.

PE lessons will be on a Thursday afternoon with Mr Woolly and we would ask that children come in to school with their full PE kit on. PE will rotate on a fortnightly basis with Forest Schools, which continue to be run by Mrs. Hudson.

The first Forest School session is Thursday January 5th and the first PE session with Mr Woolley is January 12th. Forest school and PE will then continue to rotate fortnightly.



On these Wednesday afternoons the children will also have a PE lesson with Mr Priestley: January 4th, 18th and February 1st. The children will also need to wear their PE kit on these days.

SATs

Due to the additional bank holiday, SATs will now begin on Tuesday the 9th of May and finish on Friday the 12th of May.

These tests are designed to establish children's knowledge and understanding of specific elements of the Key Stage 2 programmes of study. In a few weeks, we will complete some practice papers in class so that the children become more familiar with the layout of the papers, the style of questions and so that any common misconceptions can be identified and addressed. We will complete tests papers in grammar, reading and maths. Results from the assessments and areas for revision will be discussed during this term's parent evenings.

We will be continuing with our SATs homework using the revision books. Homework is set on a Wednesday and the pages to be completed are posted weekly on Class Dojo. ALL homework books must be returned to school on a Monday. Thank you for your support with homework last term as the majority of books were returned on time and completed to a good standard. We do understand some weeks some pupils will have to leave questions until these can be explained in class but we ask that all pupils try their best. We also kindly ask, when possible, that you work with your child and support them with their homework. We understand that by Year 6 the curriculum can be quite challenging and as a supportive parent you obviously want to support your child in the best way possible. There are a variety of websites available which explain calculation methods, grammar vocabulary and contain helpful videos. For example, BBC Bitesize provides clear explanations and has some really helpful video clips.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary#>

We encourage the children to drink water whilst in class, so we would be grateful if you could provide your child with a named bottle (with a sports cap) which can be kept for this purpose. Water only please.

I am looking forward to another busy and exciting term in Class 6. Please feel free to speak to me should you ever have any questions, concerns or worries.

Miss. Bamford and Mrs. Alderson
Year 6 Team