



January 2026 Lent Term



Dear Parents/Carers

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

## **RE**

In our first topic, *Galilee to Jerusalem*, pupils will explore the Gospel of St. John, focusing on the seven miraculous signs. They will make connections between each sign and key Christian beliefs about Jesus, including how these signs reveal that he is both truly God and truly human. Pupils will also learn about the seven sacraments of the Catholic faith, understanding the purpose of each sacrament in the life of the Church.



In our second topic, *Desert to Garden*, pupils will explore the powerful symbolism in St. John's account of the final days of Jesus' earthly life. They will develop knowledge and understanding of how the text reveals deeper meanings about Jesus as the Messiah and describe the core beliefs that are expressed through these events.

Pupils will make connections between Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet, the Holy Thursday Mass, and Christian beliefs about Jesus' humility and service. They will also link the Crucifixion to the Stations of the Cross, reflecting on it as a prayerful journey that recalls Christ's path to the cross.

## **English**

We are beginning the Lent term reading the wonderful text 'The Final Year,' by Matt Goodfellow. This novel is written in verse and follows the main character Nathan Wilder (Nate) on his emotional journey through his final year of primary school. The novel is a moving story about friendships and family, and we cannot wait to share it with our Year 6 pupils.



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 will also be available on our class page on Class Dojo).

Spellings will be tested on a Friday and the first test will be **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 three 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.**



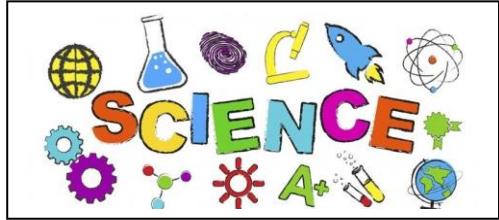
maths arithmetic skills.

## Maths

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

## 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.



## 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. 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 extremely fortunate that our weekly music lessons taught by a specialist music teacher will continue this term. Our music lessons will be on a Thursday afternoon.

## 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.

## P.E.

PE lessons will be on a Wednesday afternoon with Miss Lloyd and a Thursday afternoon with Mr Woolly and we ask that children come in to school with their full PE kit on.



## SATs

SATs will begin on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of May and finish on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

These tests are designed to establish children's knowledge and understanding of specific elements of the Key Stage 2 programmes of study. Results from last term's assessments 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 Monday and Wednesday. Maths homework books must be returned to school on a Monday and reading and grammar on a Wednesday.**

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 helpful video clips.

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

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

Miss Bamford and Miss Lloyd

Year 6 Team

### **Dates for the diary**

27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January Parents' Evening

11<sup>th</sup> February – Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day

13<sup>th</sup> February - INSET and half term holiday begins

6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

27<sup>th</sup> March – Final day of Lent term