

# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School

## Year 6 - Autumn Term 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 6! This is the most exciting year of primary school with many, many special events and experiences to look forward to – JCA trip, SATs, choosing a secondary school, end of year production and many more. Already the children are experiencing the added responsibilities and privileges of being at the top of the school with their involvement in our citizenship programme, team captain elections and duties and beginning to become more independent by walking to and from school alone. With the support of the staff in Year 6 we will help guide your child through the next few months ensuring that they are ready academically, socially and emotionally to become a young adult ready to tackle life and learning in secondary school.

**English** - Each term, we focus on examples of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts. This term we will be exploring narrative and performance poetry. In non-fiction we will be studying explanation, reports and recounts and looking at how short stories are constructed.

**Reading** - The children will read, compare, analyse and discuss many examples of the focus text type each week. Guided reading with a whole class format will support this. During the sessions, children will be taught how to give very precise answers to questions and how to use the text for evidence to support their answers to opinion and inference questions.

**Spelling** - Spelling patterns and rules will be introduced and explored every week. Spelling and handwriting will be linked. It is very important that children are using joined handwriting at all times. Remembering how to write words accurately is an important skill and really helps to build children's confidence in independent writing.

**Writing** - After reading, analysing and discussing texts, the children

will have opportunities to write their own versions. In all forms of writing, they will be encouraged to follow structures and features of the text type. Every lesson includes the grammar or punctuation rules associated with the genre of text. There will also be focused grammar sessions twice a week. Children are expected to use the rules they have learned in their writing.

**Mathematics** - During this term, we will be using our times tables knowledge to calculate and solve problems. We will also continue to use more formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Reading, interpreting and making bar charts, pictograms, Venn and Carroll diagrams will be the focus of our data handling lessons.

**Computing** - This term the children will work with spreadsheets: developing their understanding of spreadsheets and using models to solve problems. They will be also be learning about the importance of e-safety when using computers and similar devices both at home and at school.

**Science** - Children will be investigating the topic of 'Evolution and Inheritance'.

**Religious Education** - The Way the Truth and The Life series. This term we will be focusing on The Kingdom of God and Justice, as well as a class discussion on Catholic Social Teaching.

**History** - Our topic for the term is the Victorians. The children will be learning about the life of children in Victorian times, Victorian homes and the contribution made by famous Victorians.

**Art** - In art lessons, we will study William Morris and his work.

**Design and Technology** - After looking at the accomplishments of Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

**P.E.** - All P.E kits are to be brought into school on a Monday and left in school for the week. PE will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Children will need to wear trainers outdoors rather than plimsolls.

**French** - The children will be focusing on vocabulary about the parts of the body and connected with sports activities. They will also learn how to understand, use and answer questions about sports activities.

**Home Learning** - Homework is sent home on a Wednesday and is to be returned on a Monday. Year 6 children will also be required to complete other short tasks throughout the week. Please support your child to complete these as they are designed to support them with the additional challenges of Year 6.

**Reminders** - Children should not arrive at School before 8.50am unless they are taking part in the Citizenship duties in which case they should arrive at 8.30am and sign in at the office. All belongings, including stationery, are the children's responsibility, and should be clearly named.

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Useful websites.** - There are a number of websites to support your child's learning in year 6.  
BBC Bitesize  
Educationalquizzes.com  
Crickweb.co.uk

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