

Class teacher - Miss L Welburn

Year 6

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and thank you once again for all the kind cards and gifts I received. Class 5 are already looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned this term and I hope their fantastic effort and enthusiasm continues!

Religious Education

Life in the Risen Christ - In this topic the children will understand the Jesus is risen from the dead and is present to us in different ways. They will hear the story of Jesus appearance to Mary of Magdala. They will have an opportunity to learn about different ways of praying and Jesus' teaching and example of prayer.

Jesus, Son of God - In this topic the children will learn that the miracles Jesus performed led many to believe that Jesus was God's Son. They will reflect on the reactions of people to the miracles and come to know that opposition to Jesus' actions led to his arrest. They will learn about the events of Holy Week and consider their importance for us.

Throughout the year we will continue to pray to our class Saint (St Paul) for help and guidance during this year.

English

During this term the children will be studying a range of text types including:

- Short stories with flashbacks
- Reports and journalistic writing
- Play scripts
- Explanation texts
- Instructions
- A range of Poetry and poetic styles

- The children will also cover a range of other text types during extended writing lessons.

Maths

This term the children will solve problems involving:

- Place value, ordering and partitioning up to 10,000,000
- Identifying shapes and their properties
- Recognising and understanding fractions, decimals and equivalence
- Converting measurements (including Km → m)
- Addition, subtraction, division and multiplication of fractions
- Measuring and calculating
- Algebra - using simple formulae
- Interpreting, constructing and presenting data
- Representing missing angles algebraically

Science

Children will learn all about 'Evolution and Adaptation' in our first science topic. We will be investigating how certain adaptations can aid survival and how fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the earth millions of years ago. We will also be conducting our own research into Charles Darwin and exploring his theory of evolution as well as addressing how Darwin never said that man evolved from monkeys, by finding out what he did say.

We will also be looking at the ear and hearing by investigating the components of the ear, looking at how sound waves are formed and how the ear works. As part of this, we will be visiting Magna Science Museum to take part in an exciting workshop.

Computing

Children will begin to develop their skills in Multimedia, graphics and Databases. To do this we are going to be using a range of programmes to help us create logos, posters, stop-motion adverts, building designs, as well as 3D design versions of our DT products.

Homework

The children are expected to read for **at least** 10 minutes each night. Please could you record this in their reading records. The records can also be used as a means of communication regarding any issues or concerns.

Year 6 are still expected to continue their 'Starbooks Reading Challenge' in order to ensure they are reading a wide range of text types and authors. Each challenge needs to be signed by an adult once the full text/book has been read for children to receive a token. Children can also read from the '100 books to read before you leave Primary School' list.

Year 6 will be expected to work through their SPaG, Reading and Maths revision books at home and these will be checked every Thursday. Children may sometimes be directed to specific tasks but are encouraged to independently choose which tasks to complete. I will be available most lunch and break times to support in areas which children are still finding challenging and breaktime voluntary revision will commence this term.

Additionally, I will be expecting the children to continue to practise their spellings and times tables. New spelling lists will be given each Friday; children will be tested the following Friday.

Reading Record books should be brought in to school every day.