

Welcome to Year 6's Class Page!

Year 6 have continued to work incredibly hard and have made a good start to our second term; they have shown a drive to succeed and a mature attitude towards their work! Year 6 are aware of the importance and challenges of this year and have discussed strategies we can adopt to help us reach our full potential. We know a resilient attitude towards challenges and a growth mind-set will help us grow academically.

Religious Education

Our topic this Spring in RE is 'People of Prayer' where the children will be exploring what prayer is and how we pray as a school community and as a Church, we will be learning about our universal call and our individual relationship to God, and we will be analysing the Beatitudes and how these effect our Faith. During these lessons, the children will develop their willingness to pray, their openness to people of other faith traditions, their appreciation of the role of prayer in deepening a relationship with God, and their sense of wonder about different styles of prayer.

The children will also be taking part in Collective Acts of Worship. They have deepened their understanding of Catholic Social Teaching. Through assemblies they will continue to educate their peers, lead projects and make an impact in our local and wider community.

English

During English lessons, we will continue to delve deeper into our Power of Reading texts: *Skellig*, *Shackleton's Journey* and *Macbeth*. The children have been very engaged during our work on *Skellig* so far and we are sure that they will be inspired by *Shackleton's Journey* to produce some fantastic pieces of work. The children also have their Science and Geography lessons linked to their English where they will look at 'Poles Apart' in Geography and 'Evolution and Inheritance' in Science. We believe we will have some explorers at the ready once we have covered it all! We are also working on our reading comprehension skills and our understanding of SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) whilst learning lots of new challenging terminology that we can also implement within our writing.

Maths

We will continue to revise the key skills of Mathematics this term, including: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as fraction, decimals and percentages. We are starting to prepare for our SATs with arithmetic fluency and reasoning practice in our lessons. We continue to encourage the children to be proficient in their times tables as this is something that is vital for every aspect of mathematics. We ask that you encourage your children to use Times Tables Rockstars, SATs Companion and Mathletics to support their learning.

Expectations

We encourage all children to demonstrate a **high standard of behaviour** at all times in order to create a safe, respectful and happy learning environment.

Each class has participated in the process of making a set of **Golden Rules**. The children have agreed to follow the rules as they understand that this will help their learning.

Respecting each other and all members of staff is expected and reflects the ethos of our school.

The children are required to **listen carefully** and develop their **self-control and concentration** in the class and in the playground.

Working together with parents and guardians plays a big part in establishing good relationships and standards of behaviour.

The children are aware of the school system for house points which will reward positive behaviour – they can use the online ‘shop’ to buy items in trade for House Points!

Homework

We are encouraging children to take an active role in their own learning as they will soon be coming to the end of their time at primary school. We will be giving out a larger volume of homework both weekly and during the holidays. We expect the children to take responsibility for their own learning and to organise their workload accordingly. Failure to submit homework on time will result in an immediate detention.

SATs Companion and Google Classroom

Please check your child’s SATs Companion accounts for tasks set – this is a useful tool to support their learning at home and prepare them for their tests. As teachers, we will be able to monitor your child’s progress and use this as a teaching tool to enable them to meet their individual targets.

Please be aware that as a school we are aiming to be more eco-friendly. More work will be set on Google Classroom. Children should be checking Google Classroom each day for homework or general announcements. Please see our Curriculum Talk and Curriculum Map for further information.

We ask that you continue to support your child with daily reading at home and a little and often approach to revision to ensure that concepts taught are embedded fully.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you in 2023!

Miss Logue and Mr Marston.