



St John's CE Primary



Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn

Welcome to year 6! We have an exceptionally busy but exciting year ahead.

English



This term we will begin by using the book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan as a stimulus to inspire our narrative writing. Drawing upon our full writer's toolkit, the children will be creating a detailed and descriptive story with rich character and setting descriptions and an emotive plot. They will be incorporating 'speech' to enrich the action. Following on from this, we will be writing a non-chronological report (a factual account) to explain the life and works of Charles Darwin using formal language and carefully constructed, cohesive paragraphs.

Maths 123

After consolidating our understanding of place value (the value of numbers based upon which column they are in), we will hone our mastery of the four operations. We will be perfecting our speed in mental and written arithmetic to multiply and divide large numbers quickly and accurately. Times tables are essential for this, so please ensure you are practicing on TTRS minimum of 3 times a week and know all your tables inside out by half term.

Science



In science this term, we will be learning about fossils and how they can help us learn about animals and plants that lived a long time ago. We will talk about how all living things are made up of cells that continue DNA- and this is what gives us our inherited characteristics (hair colour, eye colour, height etc.).

Computing



In computing this term, we will be exploring how data is transferred over the internet. Initially the children will look at the internet, before they move on to the makeup and structure of data packets. They will complete a shared project online where they will communicate responsibly by considering what should and should not be shared on the internet and e-safety.

Humanities



In geography this term our topic will be asking the question, 'Why does the population change?'. We will be looking closely at global population patterns by investigating why some places are more densely populated than others.

RE



This term we will be learning about creation and thinking about what Christians say about how the world was made. We will be exploring bible verses and reflecting upon their message and meaning.

PE



Outdoor- our outdoor PE lessons will be on Thursday afternoon with a PE coach and the children will be looking at the fundamentals of netball.

Indoor - Our indoor PE lessons will also be on Thursday afternoon with a PE coach and focus on fitness.

Art/DT



In Art, we will be exploring craft and design through photography, learning how images can be used creatively to communicate ideas.

In DT, we will be looking at *Navigating the World*, where pupils will learn about maps, routes and navigation skills through practical design challenges.

Music



In music this term, we will be exploring the energetic world of pop music, the children will have the opportunity to become a part of their very own band! The children will also learn a range of songs during our weekly singing assemblies.

Class dojo

Class dojo will be the way we communicate class matters with you from now on. If you haven't already done so, please sign up through the email that was sent out to you. If you haven't received the email or are having any issues, please speak to me or the office check if your email address is correct and we will send that straight out to you.

Homework

Homework is assigned every Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. In year 6, it is essential that homework is regularly completed in preparation for the expectations of secondary school. Homework will consist of:

- Maths work to consolidate what we are learning in class.
- Spellings from our year 5&6 list.
- A reading comprehension.
- Spag work to reinforce what we are learning in class.
- Please also log on to TTRS and Rollama regularly and ensure you are reading as much as possible - comics, books, even watching movies with the subtitles on can help. Please read!!!

Water



Learning is thirsty work and in order to keep thinking throughout the day your child should bring a named water bottle to school, which they can re-fill, to keep their brains hydrated.

Trips

Wednesday 18th November 2026 - The Army Museum

We look forward to a very successful year 😊 Ms Josephs and Miss Vieira