

# Year 6

## Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents,

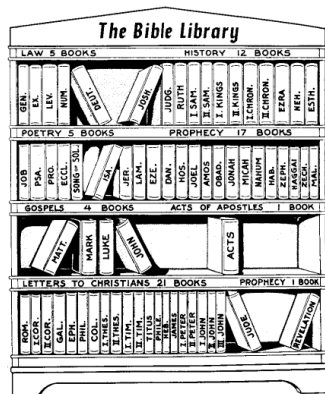
We hope you all had a lovely summer. Ahead of us lie the exciting challenges of Year 6 and we are already impressed by the positive attitude with which the children have returned to school. Parental support and involvement is vital in Year 6, so here is a summary of what will be covered in class this term.

### ENGLISH

Year 6 have started the year by watching the film version of *The Witches* by Roald Dahl. They will be using this film and extracts from the book to complete a piece of descriptive writing about *The Grand High Witch*. We will also look at instructional writing around the theme of potions and spells. In the second part of the Autumn term, Year 6 will be focusing their English work on World War Two. They will be *Carrie's War* and using the film *Goodnight Mister Tom* to support them with their speech writing.

Throughout all of this English work, pupils will also work on improving their spelling, grammar and punctuation skills.

Year 6 will be taking part in daily Guided Reading sessions where they will work on improving their VIPER skills.



### MATHS

Year 6 pupils have made an excellent start to their Maths work.

We have started the year by consolidating our understanding of place value within numbers up to 10,000,000.

We move on to completing work based on the four operations and completing calculations using effective written methods. solving various word problems Throughout this term, Year 6 will be developing their arithmetic skills each week and complete test style questions to support them with SATs preparation.



### RE

We follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham RE strategy to teach our RE lessons.

Year 6 will be learning more about the structure of the Bible as well as the story of the Old Testament. Children will also be exploring the meaning and importance of prayer in the lives of Christians.

Throughout the year we continue to consider the importance of celebrating Mass and we will be attending whole school masses and phase masses on a regular basis.



### GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY

During the first part of the Autumn Term, children will be learning about economic climate in Birmingham has changed overtime and how sustainable this is. Pupils will study maps to identify the nine sectors. They will consider how this may have an impact on their lives.

During Autumn 2, children will be focusing on World War Two. They will create timelines, explore rationing and understand what life was like for children growing up during this period of history.

### TYPES OF HABITATS



### SCIENCE

During the first half of this term, Year 6 will be learning about living things and their habitats. This will involve considering how different animals have become adapted to their environment and using keys to classify information.

Children will also consider the importance of all organisms within a food chain and will be carrying out various investigations.

Year 6 will also be learning about microorganisms and distinguishing between those that are helpful and those which can cause disease.



### COMPUTING

We start every Computing lesson with discussing internet safety. It is important that your child understands how we use the internet safely and what they can do if they see any dangers online.

The unit of learning that we are focusing on in Autumn 1 is coding. Your child will plan, design and make their own game, that their peers can access and complete.

Later on in the Autumn term, we will be learning about spreadsheets.

### PE

During P.E. lessons on Mondays, pupils will be learning about the outdoor environment and map skills through activities designed to be adventurous.

On Thursday, Mr King will support in our PE lessons and tactics, key skills and teamwork will be developed through different sporting activities.

P.E kits are to be worn to school on Monday and Thursday.

### ART and D+T

Year 6 will be looking at Monochrome Art and exploring the use of black and white within their artwork.

In Autumn 2, we will be researching some famous British dishes. They will use their research, to plan, design and make a well-known British food product. The fun part will be tasting these delicious treats!

### AT HOME

Please encourage your child to read as much as they can at home and persuade them to read a wide range of texts (fiction and non-fiction).

It would be very useful if they could recall all of their times tables with speed and accuracy. They should be logging onto TT Rockstars to support them with this.

Homework is set on Purple Mash every Friday and must be completed by the following Thursday. Weekly spelling tests and times table tests will take place in school. The spellings for the test will be available on the Purple Mash blog.

If there is anything you are unsure about, please do not hesitate to write a note to your child's teacher, call the office to arrange an appointment or have a chat at 3.35pm.

We look forward to working with you.

Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Wooldridge.

Year 6 Class teachers