

# Year 6

## Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is pleasing to see that Year 6 have enjoyed a relaxing Easter break. We only have a small amount of school days left until SATs week, so it is great to see that the children have returned to school with the enthusiasm to revise and the determination to continue working hard. Parental support and involvement is vital, so here is a summary of what will be covered in class this term.

### ENGLISH

We will start the Summer term by recapping on our knowledge of the VIPERS skills to support us with our reading test. We will also be revising all of the spelling, punctuation and grammar skills that we have been learning throughout KS2.

Once SATs have been completed, we will be focusing on a text called 'The Book of Hopes.' This book will support children as they transition to secondary school as it contains short stories and pictures, which provide comfort, support and inspiration.



### MATHS

We have covered all of the maths topic areas in the Spring term, so we will be starting the Summer term revising all of the knowledge and understanding needed for the Maths SATs papers. Daily reasoning and arithmetic practice will be taking place.

Once SATs have been completed, we will be consolidating all of our Maths learning by taking part in themed projects, including maths escape rooms and creating a theme park and running a music festival.

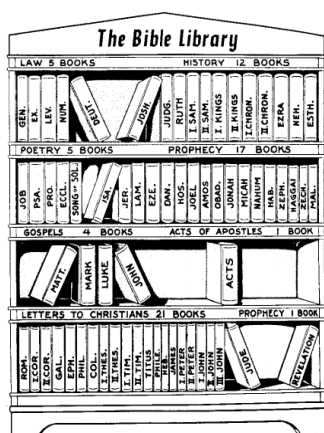
### RE

We continue to follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham RE strategy.

We will start the summer term by completing our Easter and Pentecost units.

In Summer 2, we will be learning about Mary and the life of Saints, as well as learning the importance of belonging to a Church community. During the summer term, some of our Year 6 children will take part in the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will be asked to choose their Saint's name and complete a small project based on their chosen saint.

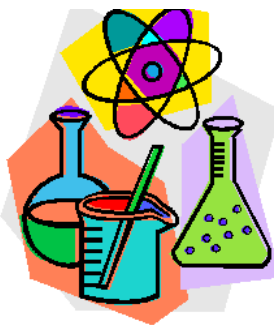
Throughout the Summer term, Year 6 will continue to promote the Gospel virtues. In Summer 1, we will be focusing on being loving and compassionate.



## THEMATIC

We will start the summer term by focusing on our Geography unit and thinking about how we can reduce plastic waste in our school. This will be a focus on fieldwork and will include planning a geographical enquiry, recording and presenting data and analysing findings.

In our history unit, we will be learning about how crime and punishment has changed over time in Britain. The children will compare crime and punishment throughout different periods of history with their life today, thinking about any similarities and differences.



## SCIENCE

Our Science topics for the summer term are light and Evolution. During these lessons, we will explore how light travels, understand what reflection is and explain how we see light. As part of our weekly lessons, we will also complete some scientific investigations and observations linked to light. This will include exploring how a shadow is formed and how their shapes may change. In Evolution we will look at the way animals and plants have evolved over time and to adapt to environments.

## COMPUTING

Our first unit in Computing is based on quizzing. We will start by creating a simple picture-based quiz for children, before moving onto learning about quizzes in more detail in order to create a quiz to test the teachers or our parents!

We will then move onto exploring what binary is. We will count in binary, convert from decimals to binary and explore how binary can control the states in a game.

## PE

Throughout the Summer term, we will be developing our skills in athletics. We will study different aspects of athletics and understand how to improve our skills. This is in preparation for Sports Day.

We will also be going swimming every Friday. We will be taught how to improve our strokes and develop our swimming stamina, in order to swim 25M by the end of the term.



## ART and D+T

In art, they will learn from great artists and evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art. Children will produce their own creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences. They will demonstrate proficiency in sculpture techniques.

In DT, we will use our skills to design and create a memory box to hold our keepsakes. These will be personal to us and reflect our time at SS Mary and John's Catholic School.

## At home

It is extremely important that your child is continuing to revise for their upcoming SATs. We will support your child by sharing useful resources with them and our year group page on the school website also has links to various websites that are great to use for revision.

Homework is still set via Purple Mash on a Friday and needs to be handed in by the following Thursday. Your child should be reading every night and signing their reading diary. P.E. lessons are on Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child wears their kit on these days. If there is anything you are unsure about, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the Year 6 team.

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