

Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to your child's final year at St Paul's. Year 6 is an extremely important year as your child will be getting ready for secondary school and will also be the year they will be sitting their End of Key Stage 2 Assessments. These tests will take place from Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May. Attendance during this week will be integral but we also promote good attendance throughout the year. We will be sharing more information about the SATs throughout the year.

RE

In RE this term, we will be exploring the story of Creation first and then the topic of Incarnation. During the Creation topic, children will build on their understanding of Genesis 1 and explore the concept of whether science compliments or conflicts Christian beliefs. The Incarnation topic will explore the idea of Jesus as the Messiah.



English

In English this term, we will begin by developing our narrative writing exploring expanded noun phrases, integrating dialogue and cohesion across paragraphs as we retell a familiar story.

For the first couple of weeks our work will be based on 'Windrush Child' which your child would've read over the summer holidays.

As we move onto our Maafa topic we will read the text 'Freedom' exploring a story with historical concepts. Children will be taught to edit and re-draft their work as they develop their voice as both a reader and a writer. They will be taught key grammar and punctuation skills that they will need to use in their writing.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on key arithmetic skills. Children will secure their knowledge of place value up to six digits. They will embed methods to complete long and short multiplication and division before exploring all four operations with fractions. Children will have the opportunity in lessons to apply this knowledge to reasoning problems, exploring the vocabulary associated with the four operations and applying their knowledge to multi-step problems.

We will continue to focus on children's knowledge of times tables as quick recall of tables up to 12 x 12 is paramount in maths.

To ensure children are fluent with their arithmetic skills they will be given key arithmetic questions at the start of everyday.

PE

We will be having PE on a Wednesday. For the autumn 1 term we will also be having swimming every Thursday. After half term children will no longer take part in swimming lessons but instead will do PE on a Thursday in addition to their Wednesday lesson.

On PE days children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits.

Please make sure children are dressed appropriately for PE in accordance with the school's uniform policy.



Topic

Our Autumn Term topic is 'Maafa'. This topic teaches children about Africa past and present and the development of the slave trade. It also explores Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes, and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora. The art project to accompany this will teach children about significant black artists and their work and provides opportunities to analyse and create artwork inspired by them.

Science

This Science topic teaches children about the transport role of the human circulatory system, its main parts and primary functions. They learn about healthy lifestyle choices and the effects of harmful substances on the body.

Homework

Reading books will be sent out twice a week (Monday and Friday). Pupils will need to bring their books back with their reading record signed by an adult who has heard them read. Reading Spine books will also be sent out every three weeks and those children who receive these books will need to fill in the reading journal too. Every child will have the opportunity to read books from the Reading Spine.

In addition to the reading elements, arithmetic homework is sent home weekly and will be sent home on a Friday and brought back to school by the following Thursday. Spellings will also be set on a Friday on Spelling Shed and through Look, Cover, Write, Check sheets. Pupils will be tested on their spelling the following Friday.

As you are aware, this is a vitally important year for your child and your support with homework is invaluable.

If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to myself, or a member of the Year 6 team, then please contact the school office where we will be able to phone you back.

Best wishes,

Mrs Crosby, Mrs Hartland and Mrs Collinson