



Class Overview

Welcome to Year 6!

We have had a brilliant start to the term and I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know the children. I look forward to meeting with you properly at Parents' Evening and sharing how your child has settled into Year 6. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to with us at drop-off or pick-up, or contact the school office.

Key Dates

- 18th September – Individual School Photographs
- 24th September – Class Talk – All Saints & St John Fisher Secondary Schools
- 20th & 21st October – Parents' Evenings
- 23rd October – Teacher Training Day (School Closed to Pupils)

PE

Class 5 will have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays this term, covering tag rugby and outdoor adventures. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on both days, dressed appropriately for the weather.

Autumn 1 – Reading

Guided Reading

This half term, our reading will centre around Michael Morpurgo's *Kensuke's Kingdom*, following Michael's extraordinary journey from sailing around the world to surviving on a remote island. Through a mixture of discussion, partner reading, performance and VIPERS activities, the children will develop key comprehension skills including retrieval, inference, prediction and vocabulary. We will explore how characters and relationships change throughout the story, use evidence to understand characters' feelings and motivations, and consider how an author's language creates mood and atmosphere.

Alongside our guided reading, we will enjoy Katherine Rundell's *The Explorer* as our daily class text, sharing a chapter together before home time each day. This exciting rainforest adventure complements our wider learning and gives us time each day to read purely for enjoyment.

Reading Homework

Regular reading at home is an important part of Year 6. Children are expected to read at least four times each week and record their reading in their planner. This can include their school reading book as well as other books they are enjoying at home.

Reading regularly helps children to develop a wider vocabulary, improve comprehension, strengthen spelling and writing skills, and build knowledge of the world around them. Even a short period of reading, when done regularly, can make a real difference. Top of Form

Maths

This half term, we will be following the White Rose Maths scheme, beginning with Place Value. The children will develop their understanding of numbers up to 10,000,000, including reading, writing, comparing and ordering large numbers, working with powers of 10, rounding and exploring negative numbers.

We will then move on to calculation, developing fluency and confidence with the four operations. This will include addition and subtraction, factors, multiples, prime, square and cube numbers, formal multiplication, short and long division, and order of operations. Throughout our maths learning, there will be a strong emphasis on reasoning, problem solving, mental strategies and estimation.

Arithmetic

Each week, we will also have a short arithmetic session, giving children regular opportunities to revisit and practise key skills from across the maths curriculum. These sessions will help to secure prior learning, strengthen fluency and build confidence in the core skills they will use throughout Year 6.

Maths Homework

A secure knowledge of times tables is an important foundation for our Year 6 maths learning. Children should practise regularly on TTRS to build fluency, accuracy and confidence. Maths worksheets will also be sent home regularly to practise and consolidate the learning we have been doing in class.

RE

This half term, we will be following the Lighting the Path RE scheme, exploring the theme of Creation and Covenant. Through Scripture and Catholic teaching, the children will explore the Creation and Fall stories in Genesis and consider ideas including free will, sin, forgiveness and our responsibility to care for God's creation. We will learn about the New Covenant through Jesus and deepen our understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism and the Nicene Creed.

Our virtues are
Love of
Learning and
Citizenship.

Science

This term, pupils will investigate electrical circuits, exploring how components such as bulbs, buzzers, switches and motors work. They will build and test circuits, identify and correct faults, and use scientific enquiry skills to explain how changing components affects a circuit's function.

Art

This term, our Art learning links with our Rainforest theme. Children will explore relief sculpture, developing clay skills including shaping, joining and creating texture. They will design and make their own rainforest animal relief tile, before using colour to emphasise its features and texture. We hope to finish the unit with our very own Class 5 rainforest gallery!

French

This term, pupils will develop their speaking and listening skills in French, learning how to introduce themselves and talk about their likes and dislikes. They will build confidence using simple sentences and key vocabulary in everyday conversations.

Computing

Learners will develop their knowledge and understanding of using a computer to produce 3D models.

Learners will examine the benefits of grouping and ungrouping 3D objects, then go on to plan, develop, and evaluate their own 3D model of a building.

PSHE

We will study Module 1: Created and Loved by God, exploring what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God. Children will develop an understanding of the importance of valuing and respecting themselves and others, providing a foundation for positive relationships.

Music

Class 5 will be learning through the song Happy by Pharrell Williams. The children will listen to and appraise a range of songs, develop their understanding of pulse, rhythm and pitch, and build confidence through singing, playing the glockenspiel, improvising and composing.

Thankyou for your support, we hope you have a lovely autumn.

Mrs Lindvall & Mrs Wilson