

# Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday. Year 6 are continuing to work hard in preparation for the upcoming SATs in May. Although this can be an anxious time for the children, as they are fully aware of the importance of SATs, we aim to keep it as stress free for them as possible.

This newsletter will provide you with curriculum coverage for Year 6 for their final term at St. Paul's.

## RE

Our RE focus this term is 'People of God'. This unit will allow us to explore the teachings of Jesus and how it guides us to in understanding how God and Jesus want us to live our lives. We will also develop our study of the Kingdom of God. Through this work, we will appreciate how following God can bring freedom and justice.



## English

In English this term, we are studying 'Goodnight Mister Tom'. The children are already enthused by this book, and are keen to know what happens next. The book will provide a basis for their writing and they will be given the opportunity to write a narrative piece reflecting the experiences of evacuees, along with writing a formal letter, which explores the element of propaganda in WWII. Children will use this novel to write their own narrative pieces.

Spelling remains be a key aspect of English this term as we have dedicated time to teaching spelling rules. This will come in handy when children attempt to spell new unfamiliar words.

Reading will continue to be a focus of our lessons, developing the children's skills in sustained reading, as well as reading for pleasure.

## Maths

This term, up until SATs, our maths focus will be arithmetic and reasoning practice so ensure that all the skills and strategies taught in Key Stage 2 are secure in preparation for the tests.

Following SATs, we will continue to practise these skills, in addition to introducing the children to some Year 7 maths, which we are sure they'll love!

Please continue to support your children in practising skills daily and encourage them to use Times Tables Rock Stars as it has a huge impact on their mathematical ability. In addition, arithmetic homework remains a vital element to embedding those particular skills, so do continue to support your child with this. Thank you.

## P.E

P.E will be on a Wednesday and Thursday and your child will need to come to school in their PE kits on these days. Wednesday's PE session will be a formal PE lesson with a focus on team games such as cricket and rounders. Thursday's PE will be fitness related with children taking part in the daily mile. In summer 2 term, we will begin our swimming sessions again. More information to follow.



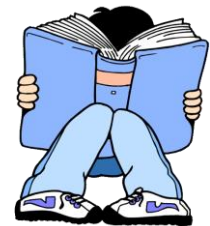
## Topic

In the summer term children will look study the topic 'Britain at War' which focusses on the causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars, as well as the influence of new inventions on warfare, how life in Great Britain was affected and the legacy of the wars in the post-war period. In science, our topic is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. This project teaches children how living things on Earth have changed over time and how fossils provide evidence for this. They learn how characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring and how variation in offspring can affect their survival, with changes (adaptations) possibly leading to the evolution of a species. In art children will look closely at distortion in art. This unit will teach children about the concepts of abstraction and distortion. They study the visual characteristics of abstraction and create a musically-inspired, abstract painting.

## Homework

Children's reading books will be changed on Monday and Friday. We expect the children to be reading daily and for a parent/carer to sign their reading record on a Monday and Friday.

As well as their reading books, children will be given weekly spellings and arithmetic homework will be given out on a Friday and will need to be returned the following Thursday.



If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, I am available at the beginning and the end of the school day. I will not, however, be available after school on a Monday as it is our staff meeting. You are also welcome to make an appointment at the school office to see me for more significant issues. Thank you for your continued support.

Class Teacher: Mrs Crosby

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