

General Class Information

Mrs James is the class teacher and Mrs Shaw will support the class for all areas of learning. Mr Turner will be supporting the class for Maths during the first part of the academic year.

Reading diaries

Please ensure that your child is heard reading at least **three times a week**. This needs to be recorded in their Home/School reading diaries. Accelerated Reader recommends that children should read for 30 minutes per day for maximum progress.

Homework and Spellings

Children will complete their '5 a Day' questions during early work in class. However, if pupils are late these will have to be completed at home. Spellings should be practised weekly, using the strategies which are taught in class and there will be one word for a vocabulary focus which is part of the '5 a Day'. This work is given out on a Wednesday and the lists for the year are on our class page on the website. In addition, there will be a short assignment on TEAMS set each week. TT Rockstars should be accessed online twice a week for short (approx. 10 min) sessions.

PE

Please ensure that PE kits are in school all week. Correct P.E uniform for this is a navy t-shirt and navy blue shorts. Children will be carrying out activities outside and are advised to wear trainers if possible.

Here at St John the Evangelist, we have an open door policy and if you would ever like to see us then please make an appointment with the school office.

Yours sincerely
Mrs James, Mrs Shaw and

Mr Turner



A war that shaped the way we live today.



**Class: Year Six
Term: Autumn Term (1) 2023**

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the first part of our Autumn Term.

Virtues

This half term our virtues are Grateful and Generous Catholic Schools help their pupils grow by being grateful for their many gifts and talents and being generous in the way that they treat others.

Religious Education

In RE this term, children will be exploring the Old Testament in more depth, posing and pondering questions about what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God. They will particularly focus on how they have a responsibility to live out their lives in the image of God by using their talents. The children will have the opportunity to lead times of Collective Worship and Class based liturgy.

English

Our focus text for this half term is An Eagle in the Snow, by Michael Morpurgo. Throughout the topic, we will look at explanations, biographies, letters, stories and poetry.

Our class targets in literacy are:

Writing - to use more sophisticated sentence construction and to apply learned spellings independently.

Reading - to draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions.

Maths

We are now using Power Maths, where we will look at Place Value and Fractions. We will also continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills to include written and mental methods. Within this unit, we will use money as context for adding and subtracting. We will revisit multiplication and the grid method for calculating multiplications of 2 digit by 2 digit numbers.

Our class target in mathematics is to use formal written methods correctly, especially for long division.

It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts.

Science

This half-term, we will be investigating light and shadow. The children will learn how light travels, how objects can absorb, block or let through light and how shadow is an absence of light. They will learn to work scientifically, conducting fair tests to explore how light travels.

P.E

This half-term, Year 6 will be Swimming on a Wednesday and will have one other PE lesson—the day for this lesson may vary. Please ensure children have the correct P.E. kit for indoor and outdoor lessons .

Design and Technology

During this half term Year Six will be developing the concepts of design, replenish and evaluate.

They will be exploring how to strengthen materials and be re-creating helmets from WWII.

Pupils will be using air-drying clay to make their own War Medals.

History

This half term the children will be focusing on the concepts of major historical events (WWII), changes through time and impact. The children will have the opportunity to ponder key questions about the impact of significant events of the past and reflect and understand the impact of these events and people on their own lives..

MFL

The children will continue to learn and develop their French vocabulary and language learning skills. They will have the opportunity to further practise speaking in French as well as listening to French stories.

Music

Music will be taught this half term by our music specialist Mrs Amison.

Computing

We will be completing our Online Safety unit.

PSHE

We will be celebrating 'Being Me in Our World'.