

### General Class Information

Mrs James is the class teacher and Mrs Shaw will support the class for all areas of learning. We also have our Vice Principal, Mr Turner, who will be teaching maths with the class for the first half 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 blue 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's, 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, Mr Turner  
and  
Mrs Shaw



**Sustainable Development:  
If we don't look after our planet, who will?**



**Class: Year Six  
Term: Autumn (2)Term 2023**

## WELCOME BACK

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

### Values and Virtues

This half term our virtues are Attentive and Discerning. Pupils are growing to be attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices. Catholic schools help their pupils grow by promoting the practice of attentive reflection and discerning decision making: in teaching, in the examen, prayer and retreats; and through the practice and example of school leaders and staff.

### Religious Education

In RE this term, children will be exploring the major Christian periods of Advent and Christmas. 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 *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne. Throughout the topic, we will look at instructions, diary entries, stories and poetry. Our class targets in literacy are:  
Writing - to use more sophisticated sentence construction, understanding and using main, subordinate and relative clauses. Also, proof reading for spelling and punctuation errors.  
Reading - to draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions.

### Maths

In maths, we will look more deeply at fractions, including simplifying fractions and placing them on a number line. We will also continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills to include written and mental methods. We will revisit multiplication and the grid method for calculating multiplications of 2 digit by one 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. We are trying to achieve mastery methods for solving problems.

### Science

This half-term, we will be investigating electrical circuits. We will recap on electrical sources and hazards, learn the symbols and components for circuits and engage in circuit building for purpose.

### P.E

This half-term, Year 6 will be working on Tag Rugby on a Friday afternoon. They will continue to swim on a Wednesday. Please ensure children have the correct P.E . Kit for indoor and outdoor lessons .

**Children should keep their P.E kit in school Monday to Friday and take them home at weekends to be washed.**

### D&T and Art:

During this half term Year Six will be creating an electrical product as a seasonal decoration. They will also be studying and re-creating iconic religious images.

### Geography

This half term the children will be focusing on the environmental changes and sustainability. They will be exploring the effects of Climate Change and natural disasters.

### Foreign Languages

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.