

Year 6 – Subject Overview

2024-2025



Autumn 1

Subject	Overview
English	<p>Our focus text for this half term is <i>An Eagle in the Snow</i>, by Michael Morpurgo. Throughout the topic, we will look at explanations, biographies, letters, stories and poetry.</p> <p>Our class targets in English 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.</p>
Maths	<p>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.</p> <p>Our class target in mathematics is to use formal written methods correctly, especially for long division.</p> <p>It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts.</p>
RE	<p><i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i></p> <p>RE - 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Science	<p>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. Pupils will learn to work scientifically, conducting fair tests to explore how light travels.</p>
PE	<p><i>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</i></p> <p>PE - This half-term, Year 6 will be Swimming and learning about HRE (Health Related Exercise). Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons.</p>
History	<p>In History, 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</p>

	the past and reflect and understand the impact of these events and people on their own lives.
Design & 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.
French	We will be revisiting our prior learning and then learning how to describe our families and familiar places. Our learning will include French reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, cultural awareness and translation.
Computing	We will be completing our unit 'Online Safety'.
Music	Will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Amison.
RSE	Will be taught through our Ten:Ten Programme
PSHE	Will be taught through our Jigsaw Programme.

Autumn 2



Subject	Overview
English	Our focus text for this half term is <i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i> 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 continue 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.
RE	<i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i> RE - 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.
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.
PE	<i>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</i>

	PE –This half-term, Year 6 will be working on Tag Rugby. They will continue to swim on a Wednesday. Please ensure children have the correct P.E . Kit for indoor and outdoor lessons.
Geography	This half term the topic is Sustainable Development. The children will be focusing on the environmental changes and how we can achieve sustainability. They will be exploring the effects of Climate Change and natural disasters.
Design & Technology	During this half term Year Six will be working on creating an electrical product as a business venture. They will be exploring how to choose their design, incorporate the appropriate components and market their product.
French	We will be revisiting our prior learning and then learning how to describe ourselves and our clothing as well as how to give instructions and directions. Our learning will include French reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, cultural awareness and translation.
Computing	We will be completing our unit ‘Scratch Animations’.
Music	Will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Amison.
RSE	Will be taught through our Ten:Ten Programme
PSHE	Will be taught through our Jigsaw Programme.



Spring 1

Subject	Overview
English	Our focus text for this half term is <i>Wonder</i> by R.J. Palacio, We will re-write events from the point of view of different characters, exploring precepts and the author’s use of formal/informal language. Our class targets in literacy are: Writing - to use more sophisticated sentence construction, understanding and using main, subordinate and relative clauses. To use formal/informal language for characterisation. Reading - to draw inferences such as inferring characters’ feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions. To summarise passages using key words and the main points.
Maths	In Power Maths, we will complete fractions and then look at algebra, ratio and decimals. Our class target in mathematics is to use formal written methods correctly, particularly multiplication and short/long division. It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts. Children will be tested weekly on times tables using TTRockstars.
RE	<i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i> RE -_In RE this term, children will be completing the Christmas unit and then looking at Baptism and Confirmation as the Sacramental Preparation continues and we study the role of the Holy Spirit. The children will have the opportunity to lead times of Collective Worship and Class based liturgy.

Science	This half-term, we will be investigating Living Things and their Habitats, especially Classification. The children will learn how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics, including micro-organisms, plants and animals.
PE	<i>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</i> PE - This half-term, Year 6 will be working on their Dance skills and either Orienteering or Gymnastics based on the weather. Please ensure children have the correct P.E. Kit for outdoor lessons.
Geography	This half term the children will be focusing on cartography, using OS maps in particular to study the local environment, plan routes and familiarise themselves with the related references, keys, symbols and codes.
Art	During this half term Year Six will be developing the concepts of line, scale and colour. They will be using these techniques for cartography and scientific drawing. They will be looking at the artist Renoir and recreating impressionist art.
French	We will be revisiting our prior learning and then learning how to describe daily routines and characteristics. Our learning will include French reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, cultural awareness and translation.
Computing	We will be completing our unit 'Spreadsheets'.
Music	Will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Amison.
RSE	Will be taught through our Ten:Ten Programme
PSHE	Will be taught through our Jigsaw Programme.

Spring 2



Subject	Overview
English	After completing <i>Wonder</i> , our focus text for this half term is <i>Room 13</i> by Robert Swindells. Throughout the topic, we will look at a range of writing genres. Our class targets in literacy are: Writing - to use more sophisticated sentence construction. - to use a range of punctuation accurately, including colons, semi-colons, dashes and hyphens. Reading – identifying literary techniques and authorial intent
Maths	In maths, we will look at algebra, decimals, percentages and measure (including area and perimeter). We will also be revising the four operations and properties of shape in detail to prepare for the end of Keystage assessments. 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. Children will be using Times Tables Rockstar weekly.
RE	<i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i> RE - In RE this term, children will be learning about, and practising the

	Catholic traditions of Lent and Holy Week in preparation for Easter—the greatest celebration of our Liturgical year. We will also continue our Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation in March.
Science	Pupils will learn about Evolution and Inheritance. They will recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. Also, identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.
PE	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term. PE - This half-term, Year 6 will be taught about the Invasion games by Mr Sigley and also Netball. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for outdoor lessons.
History	This half term the children will be focusing on the concepts of major historical events (the Victorian age and the British Empire), 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.
Art	During this half term Year Six will be developing the concepts of using line, tone and colour to portray moods, feelings and emotions. They will study the Victorian architectural style and use cross-hatching for line and texture.
French	We will be revisiting our prior learning and expanding our vocabulary. Our learning will include French reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, cultural awareness and translation. We will be assessed in these areas.
Computing	We will be completing our unit 'Kodu Programming'.
Music	Will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Amison.
RSE	Will be taught through our Ten:Ten Programme
PSHE	Will be taught through our Jigsaw Programme.



Summer 1

Subject	Overview
English	Our focus text continues to be <i>Room 13</i> by Robert Swindells. Throughout the topic, we will look at a range of genres. We will be revising all of our previously taught Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. We will be producing more extended writing, including an alternative chapter based on our text.
Maths	In maths, we will look at decimals, percentages, statistics, shape and measure. We will also be revising the four operations in detail to prepare for the end of Keystage assessments. It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts.
RE	Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term. RE - In RE this term, children will be learning about and practising the Catholic traditions of Easter—the greatest celebration of our Liturgical

	year—followed by Pentecost.
Science	This half-term, we will be investigating Animals Including Humans The children will learn about blood composition, the heart and circulation. There will also be a focus on medication and the positive and negative use of drugs.
PE	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term. PE - This half-term, Year 6 will be taught about the Invictus games by Mr Sigley and also Athletics. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for outdoor lessons.
Geography	This half term the children will be focusing on the Fairtrade organisation and, in particular, the South American continent and its population, trade and geographical features.
Design and Technology	Food Technology: During this half term Year Six will be creating a Fairtrade menu of dishes and will be cooking and baking them.
French	We will be revisiting our prior learning and expanding our vocabulary. We will learn about other French speaking countries. Our learning will include French reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, cultural awareness and translation.
Computing	We will be completing our unit 'Film Making'.
Music	Will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Amison.
RSE	Will be taught through our Ten:Ten Programme
PSHE	Will be taught through our Jigsaw Programme.

Summer 2



Subject	Overview
English	Our focus text is a transition project with secondary schools and focuses on The Odyssey and The Iliad Throughout the half term we will also look at Kenning Poetry and Biographies. Our class targets in literacy are: To revise the range of punctuation, grammar and spelling strategies that have been taught throughout KS2. To write a biography To create a dramatic production.
Maths	In maths, we will also be revising the KS2 mathematical curriculum and focusing on how we can apply our knowledge when Problem Solving. Our class target in mathematics is to choose the correct method and operation when answering multi-step problems. It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts. Children will be tested weekly using Times Tables Rockstar or Assertive Maths.
RE	<i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i> RE - In RE this term, children will be looking at belonging to the Church

	Community. We will also be looking at the lives of Mary and the Saints.
Science	This half-term, we will be revising the KS2 scientific curriculum. There will also be a focus on medication and the positive and negative use of drugs.
PE	<i>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</i> PE - This half-term, Year 6 will be taught Dance Skills and the rules of playing Rounders. Please ensure that children have the correct P.E for outdoor lessons.
History	This half term the children will be focusing on the Vikings. Who were they? Where did they come from? What impact did they have on the history of Britain? Why was there conflict with the Anglo-Saxons?
Art	During this half term Year Six will be studying Cultural Art., linked to their history topic and they will be creating their own Figurehead for a Viking Longship to ward off evil spirits.
French	We will be revisiting our prior learning and expanding our vocabulary. Our learning will include French reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, cultural awareness and translation. We will perform a French play.
Computing	We will be completing our unit 'Using and Applying'.
Music	Will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Amison.
RSE	Will be taught through our Ten:Ten Programme
PSHE	Will be taught through our Jigsaw Programme.