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Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following a great start to the year, I am sending out an overview of what your child will be learning about this half term. I have also outlined homework expectations and a reminder of PE dates and requirements.

Curriculum

Subject	Unit of work
Religious Education	Developing relationship with others as God taught us. Children will recognise the ways in which love of neighbour can be shown at home, at church, locally and globally. Children will also learn about the gift of the Holy Spirit which are given to individuals and groups for the service of the whole community. Alongside RE lessons, the children will also participate in class liturgies and class Masses.
Maths	'Number and Calculations'. It is vital that at home, as well as in school, children continue to work on their times tables (up to 12 x 12) and mental calculation skills with mixed operations and large numbers, in preparation for their SATS.
Literacy	Reading - 'Holes' by Louis Sacher. Writing will be based on the book 'Holes' and we will start by producing a non-chronological report on the Yellow Spotted Lizard. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be incorporated.
Science	Animals including Humans - to develop greater understanding of wider organ systems and how they link together, with focus the human circulatory system, describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood, and the impact our lifestyle choices have on our bodies (diet, drugs, smoking, and exercise).
Physical Education	Athletics
Geography	South America – exploring the location, climate, mountain ranges, human geography, trade and industry.
Design Technology	Mechanical systems, using cams. Children will look at designing, making and evaluating phases.
Music	During music lessons the children will be introduced to different styles of music. We are using an exciting new music scheme called Charanga which teaches the children about pitch, tempo and how popular songs were written. They will also have the opportunity to sing and look at different musical instruments.
Modern foreign Languages	The children will be taught about the culture and language of France, and will be taught a range of new vocabulary to enable basic conversation.
PSHE	Families and friendships
Computing	Programming: Scratch – learning to use repetition or 'loops' and building upon skills to program; an animation, a story and a game.

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Homework

Now that your child is in year 6, they should be beginning to organise themselves more effectively. Part of this responsibility is their ability to work to deadlines by completing assigned homework on time.

Homework will be assigned three times per week, with the deadline being 2-4 days after the work is given.
Each task does not require a lengthy period of time to complete. They should be completed within 15-20 minutes.

Subject	Task	Distributed	Due
Mathematics	Arithmetic, reasoning or Sumdog questions.	Wednesday	Friday
Literacy	Sentence structure work or comprehension	Friday	Monday
Spellings	10 spellings based on year group spelling words and patterns. Children regularly recap previous spellings.	Monday	Thursday
Reading	Fluency practise.	Minimum of three 10-minute reading record entries per week.	

Although I have stated that the children are ultimately responsible for completion of homework, I would appreciate it if you can support your child in completing homework on time each week. The amount of homework is much less than they will be expected to complete at secondary school and is set up to ensure children can focus on one task at a time. It is important that they use this year to develop organisational skills ahead of having a much busier schedule.

PE

Year 6 will have PE lessons on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Year 6 pupils need to make sure they have their PE kits in school. Each PE kit should contain a white St. Cuthbert's PE polo shirt, white school shorts and trainers or pumps. Please ensure that your child's uniform and PE kit is labelled to prevent any lost belongings.

Contact

If you have not already joined us on **Class Dojo,** please sign up to receive regular posts, messages and photos from lessons. Please visit www.classdojo.com/parent or download the free app.
In addition, please ensure you have downloaded the **MCAS app** which has replaced the Teacher to Parent messaging service. If you have any issues with downloading this app or login details, please contact the school office.

If you have any questions, queries or comments – however big or small then please see me at the end of the school day, ask for an appointment or simply message me on Class Dojo.

Kind regards,

Miss Holmes
Year 6 Class Teacher