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Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the beginning of a new term! I hope that you and your family are happy and have had a lovely Summer break. The children have settled back into school and are preparing for the challenges of Year 6. This is the final year of primary school for the children and it will be filled with opportunities for personal growth, deep thinking and becoming a more resilient and independent learner. We have a very busy year ahead, in which the children will be experiencing new and exciting things.

Below is an outline of the curriculum areas we will be covering this **Autumn** term:

Subject	Areas to be covered
RE	<p>Our RE learning this term will be focusing on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOVING - Understanding that God never stops loving us • JUDAISM - Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur • VOCATION & COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life • EXPECTATIONS - Understanding that Jesus was born to show God to the world <p>Throughout these topics we will be exploring the answers to these questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does anyone show you unconditional love? How have people inspired and influenced you to show unconditional love to others? • How do you think that we can live out our vocation to share in the mission of Jesus? • What commitment would this need? • How do we '<i>get the road ready for the Lord</i>' at this time of advent?
English	<p>This year we will be continuing with the 'Talk for Writing' approach and we will be focusing on the following texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd • Coming to England - Floella Benjamin • Silver Donkey - Sonya Hartnett



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	We will also be preparing for SAT's by learning and revising curriculum spelling words and patterns, grammar and improving our technique when completing reading comprehension tasks.
Maths	<p>We will continue to use Maths No Problem which is in line with the Singapore Maths approach. Children will also be developing their mathematical thinking in a range of contexts with particular focus on:</p> <p>Numbers to 10,000,000 (<i>writing, comparing, ordering and rounding</i>) Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division (<i>BODMAS, expressions, long multiplication, long division, factors, multiples, prime numbers, cube/square numbers and multi-step word problems</i>). Fractions (<i>Simplify, order and compare fractions. Adding & subtracting fractions with different denominators, adding & subtracting mixed number fractions. Multiply and divide fractions</i>). Decimals (<i>read, write, order and compare decimals. Divide & multiply decimals, convert fractions into decimals, use bar models</i>).</p> <p>We will also be preparing for SAT's by learning and revising arithmetic questions, word problems and reasoning questions in a range of topic areas in Maths.</p>
Science	<p>Our first topic this half term is about Light. This topic will introduce the concept of light travelling in straight lines. It starts by looking at beams of light and how light travels to enable children to understand how we see things. The topic then takes the learning into the realm of shadows, reflections, coloured light and rainbows, using scientific skills to raise and answer questions.</p> <p>Our second topic this term is about Electricity. This topic looks at the scientific use of symbols for components in a circuit, as well as considering the effect in more detail of changing components in a circuit.</p>
Computing	In computing the children will be learning about Communication in <i>Computing Systems and Networks</i> and Variables in games in <i>Programming</i> . During Online safety lessons, the children will learn about online relationships and online reputation .
Geography	In Geography, we will be finding out about the continents of North and South America and the countries that form them. The children will then look in more detail at some of the contrasting areas of North & South America, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations in each area.
History	In History, we will be learning about Ancient African Civilisations as part of Black History Month and in particular we will be studying about The Kingdom of Axum .
French	We will be continuing to develop our French vocabulary through speaking and listening in the context of conversation. We will focus on French vocabulary related to school and healthy living.

Music	The children will have Ukulele lessons and will continue to practise learning chords, tunes and rhythms.
PE	The children will have swimming lessons at East Ham Leisure Centre this Autumn term.
Art	The children will be learning about the roles and purposes of artists, craftsmen and designers working in different cultures and times. The children will design and create headdresses.
Design and Technology	The children will be looking at healthy eating and creating healthy meals. They will design, cook, taste and evaluate their own burgers.
Well-Being	The children will explore what is meant by the term ' mental health ' and identify everyday behaviours that can help to support mental and physical health.

Homework

	Spellings	Maths, English, RE
Set on	Thursdays	Thursdays
Submitted on / tested on	<i>Spelling Homework</i> is due in on Tuesdays . <i>Spelling test</i> will be on Fridays .	<i>Maths, English and RE homework</i> will be due in on Tuesdays . <i>Mental maths test</i> will be on Thursdays .
Consists of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 & 6 curriculum words • Subject and topic specific words • Typing definitions or sentences with the spelling words on Google Docs. 	<p>Maths: Homework will be set on Google Classroom. It will be related to what is taught in class that week and will also include SAT'S questions.</p> <p>English: Homework will be set on Google Classroom and Reading Eggspress. It will consist of grammar and comprehension tasks as well as SAT's questions.</p> <p>RE: Activities related to the Gospel reading or activities linked to the current R.E topic.</p> <p>Resources used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times tables Rockstars • Thirdspace Learning • Reading Eggspress • CGP textbooks • Cafod

How you can help:

- Encourage your child to use the library.
- Read with your child regularly and ask frequent questions about the books they read. They should be building their stamina to read longer texts in a shorter time but still understanding what they have read.
- Practice times tables and related mental arithmetic daily.
- Talk with your child about what they are learning, your interest will build their curiosity.
- Please ensure your child has access to a dictionary and a thesaurus to support their learning.
- Please check that any work done from the internet is in the children's own words and **not directly copied**.
- Help children to edit their writing - punctuation /spelling /tenses etc.
- Ensure they have done their homework to the best of their ability.
- Monitor your child's time spent on video games, internet use and watching television and encourage them to be more active.
- Encourage children to be responsible for the things they need for school each day.
- School uniform PE kit must be in school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.
- Please check that all clothing is named!
- With the warmer days please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day.

If you would like to come in and speak to me at any point, whether you have any concerns or would like to ask any questions, please do not hesitate to do so. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,
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