



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

WELCOME TO YEAR 6!

Autumn Term 1

The Year 6 team are:

Mr Murray (Year Leader and 6M teacher)
Mrs Pickering (6P)
Mrs Bush (6B)
Mrs James (Teaching Assistant)
Mrs Dickeson (Teaching Assistant)



A warm welcome to Year 6 from the Year 6 team!

This year marks an especially important stage in your child's school journey, and we are excited to be working in partnership with you to support, challenge, and inspire your child to achieve their very best.

Reading

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise



Throughout the term, we will continue whole class reading sessions. We will focus on a variety of texts and unpick them as a class, focusing on our VIPERS skills and the author's intent. Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home. We appreciate that many children will read independently but we would suggest you ask questions to gauge their understanding. The children will also get the opportunity to visit the library weekly, where they will get to choose a book of their choice.

Writing

In school, we will be reading *Room 13* by Robert Swindells – a chilling horror story for the children to sink their teeth into! The novel follows a group of children on a residential trip to Whitby, where they encounter a vampire. It's a gripping and atmospheric text, and particularly fitting in the lead-up to our very own residential visit to York. Our writing will be inspired by the book, including crafting a short narrative that builds tension and suspense, as well as writing a letter and a diary entry from a character's perspective.

Maths

In Maths, this half term, we will be starting off by focusing on place value of digits up to ten million. We will then move onto the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division paying attention to both mental and written methods.

In order to support your child in this subject, please continue to access TTRockstars to embed rapid recall of all multiplication facts. Children will also bring home practice papers throughout the year which can also be used for revision in order to prepare for SATS in May.

Maths and English homework will continue to be set on Fridays using Atom Learning. We ask that homework is submitted by the following Wednesday at the latest.





curriculum

Integrated Curriculum Overview

Geography – What a Wonderful World

This half term, our Geography topic *What a Wonderful World* will take the children on a global journey to explore the wonders of our planet. They will sharpen their map skills as they travel across continents, investigate different types of weather and climates, and uncover fascinating physical features such as mountains, rivers and deserts. Along the way, they will also discover how the environment shapes the daily lives of people around the world, helping them to see our planet from new perspectives.

Science this half term will focus on consolidating our work on electricity from Year 4 and then using these skills to test how electrical circuits can be successfully created and how components impact the quality of light or sound emitted.

In French we will be focusing on our conversational skills including how to introduce ourselves, discuss how we are feeling as well as talk about what we like and dislike.

R.E. this half term will focus on the unit 'People of God.' This is a unit of work which explores how following God could bring freedom and justice. Children will refer to key events and teachings from the Old Testament.

In Design and Technology the children will be developing their understanding of electrical systems through the exciting unit *Doodlers*. They will learn how simple circuits and components such as motors can be combined to create a fun, moving drawing device.

In PSHE the children will discuss their year ahead, they learn to set goals and discuss their fears and worries about the future. The classes learn about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and that these are not met for all children worldwide. They talk about their choices and actions and how these can have far-reaching effects, locally and globally. The children talk about their own behaviour and how their choices can result in rewards and consequences and how these feel. They talk about how an individual's behaviour and the impact it can have on a group. They also talk about democracy, how it benefits the school and how they can contribute towards it. They establish the Jigsaw Charter and set up their Jigsaw Journals.

Computing this half term the children will be discovering the history of Bletchley Park, historical figures and computer science. The children learn about code-breaking and password hacking as well as decoding messages. They will then present information about historical figures and look back in time at how computers have evolved, finally designing a computer of the future and creating an audio advert for their designs.

P.E: will focus on netball skills and will continue to take place every week. Trainers will be needed and these can either be left in school or sent in on the day. As the weather continues to change we advise for dark tracksuits to be included in the kit. Please see diary dates for when your child will have P.E.

We look forward to working closely with you this year, should you have any queries, please contact the Year 6 Team.

DIARY DATES

PE Days

Tuesday : 6P

Fridays: 6B and 6M

W/C 15th September

SATS Practice

24th - 27th September

York Residential

2nd October

Flu Vaccinations in school

7th October

Harvest Service at Church 1:45

11th October

Final Harvest Collection

13th October

Parents' SATS Meeting 6pm

20th October

Individual School Photos

24th October

School breaks up for half term holidays.

3rd November

Return to school

11th November

Parents' Evening 3:45-6:15

13th November

Parents' evening 4:30-7:00

14th November

INSET school closed