



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Thank you for all your support last half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip to York, which was a huge success. We hope you enjoyed looking through the photos on X (@STLaurenceJnr) and that your children have shared lots of stories about their experiences.

English

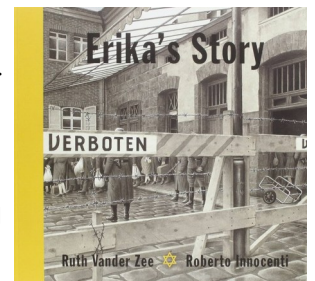
Reading

Please continue to encourage your children to read at home. Please initial their entries to show that you have heard or seen them read. We welcome your comments about their reading in their diaries too. Children can also record additional books read in their reading diaries. Don't forget this can include books from home. We appreciate that many children will read independently but we would suggest you ask questions to check their understanding.

Writing

This half term, we will be reading 'Erika's Story'. This powerful text tells the true story of a young Jewish girl during the Holocaust, and highlights themes of loss, courage and survival. The story helps us to understand the impact of the Holocaust on individuals and families, and encourages thoughtful reflection and empathy.

All of our written work this half term will be linked to this book. The children will be writing a newspaper report, creating emotive dialogue between two characters, and producing a non-chronological report focusing on the Holocaust.



Maths

We will start the half term with consolidating our understanding of multiplication and division. This will include identifying multiples, factors and prime numbers before moving into mental and written methods of calculation. We will then move onto fractions work. We will be finding equivalences between fractions, comparing and ordering, as well as fraction calculations.



Please continue to practice rapid recall of all multiplication facts. Children will also be bringing home their second practice papers towards the end of the half term so that they can be used as a tool for SAT revision.



curriculum

Curriculum Overview

World War Two

We are excited to begin our World War Two history topic. Throughout this unit, the children will learn about key events of the war and consider how these events affected the lives of people at the time. They will explore how and why the war began, evacuation, rationing, the experience of 'The Blitz', and the changing role of women during the war.

We will end the unit with a '**Fabulous Finish**' on **Wednesday 17th December**, where children are invited to come to school dressed in World War Two—inspired clothing if they would like to.

Science unit this half term is 'Animals Including Humans.' During this time we will be considering ourselves as we live and grow. This includes looking at what makes a healthy lifestyle, circulatory systems, diet and exercise.

In French the children will be focusing on 'Ma Famille.' Here the children will be naming and describing family members as well as describing what they do on the weekends.

Art: Craft and design which will include using paint and mixed media.

R.E. this half term will focus on Islam. Here the children will explore Muslim beliefs and gain a better understanding of this faith group. We will be visiting Birmingham Central Mosque in order to consolidate our understanding. Please keep an eye out for trip consent letters.

PSHE this term we will be completing the Jigsaw theme, 'Celebrating Differences', which includes statutory LGBI content. Please see our website: Parents information – Policies and Documents – Jigsaw Overview Powerpoint or in the PSHE section. Children will be discussing topics such as perceptions of what is 'normal', how being different can make people feel and how people with disabilities can live amazing lives. The focus is on acceptance, understanding and tolerance, and links very well with British and our School Values.

Music. The children will be undertaking a Hip Hop Course, where they learn invaluable skills in music production that will enrich and enhance their musical journey and inspire their creativity, inside and outside the classroom.

P.E: will focus on **gymnastics**. The children will be creating group sequences using formations and apparatus.

We look forward to continuing to work with you this half term, should you have any queries, please contact the Year 6 Team.

DIARY DATES

PE Days

6B - Tuesday

6B & 6M - Friday

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Friday 7th November:

Anti-Bullying Homework handed out

10th—14th November :

Anti-bullying week

11th and 13th November

Parents Evening

Friday 14th November

INSET day

17th—21st November:

Interfaith week

Friday 21st November

2:30pm—3:10pm - Interfaith Exhibition (parents Invited)

24th—28th November

SATS Practice

Tuesday 2nd December

Advent services in Church

Christmas Film Night

Friday 5th December: non-uniform for Christmas Fair (bring a gift)

8th -9th December

Birmingham Central Mosque Trip

Wednesday 10th December :

Christingle service in school (parents invited)

Friday 12th December:

Christmas Fair

Monday 15th December:

Tinsel disco

Wednesday 17th December

Year 6 Fabulous Finish

Friday 19th December

Pantomime and last day of term