



St Anne's Catholic Primary School
Christ at the heart of all we do

"I am with you always, even to the end of time." Matthew 28:20

Welcome to Year 6!

Your child's teacher will be Mrs Catchpole.

Mrs Kubis will teach Year 6 on a Thursday afternoon and all day Friday.

We have lots of wonderful things to look forward to during AUTUMN ONE.

RE

During the half term in RE, our Unit of Work will be: *The Kingdom of God*. We will be exploring what this means in our faith, how we can live our lives, spreading God's good news and how God's kingdom is for all. We will spend time planning and delivering our own Prayer and Liturgies, developing our own faith and worship.

MATHS

Our area of focus in Maths this half term will be Place Value. We will be exploring NUMBER, looking at the value of digits up to 1,000,000 rounding numbers to the nearest 100,000 and going beyond zero into negative numbers. A solid understanding of number is vital in building Mathematical knowledge!

Pleasure ensure your child continues to practise their times tables.

ENGLISH

We begin our English lessons by reading the book: *Star of Hope, Star of Fear* by Jo Hoestlandt. This text provides extensive opportunities for writing across the half term, as well as linking closely to our History unit of work.

In Guided Reading, we will be exploring a range of short texts as we begin our preparation for our SATS. We will be practising key skills such as *skim reading, scanning texts, features of fiction and non-fiction and inference using evidence*. It's important for your child to read a variety of genres at home. It's great to enjoy a particular author, but it's even better for your child to read a range of authors and genres as well as fiction and non-fiction.

SPELLING

Your child will be given weekly spellings to learn. They will be tested in class each week. It is very important that they continue to learn their spellings weekly; this is a great opportunity to get ready for their SATS spelling test. A copy of the Year 5 and 6 spelling list will be sent home to help you support your child's spelling at home.

Spellings will come home on a **Thursday**. The spelling test will be the following **Thursday**.

SCIENCE

In Science this half term, we will be learning all about Light. We will explore how light travels and will describe the movement of light. We will also explore how refraction changes the direction of light and why shadows take particular shapes. We will extend our skills by setting up our own enquiries and using Scientific vocabulary to describe our results.

HISTORY

Over the whole Autumn term, we will be studying History! Our unit of work will be an in-depth study of World War Two. We will explore causes, consequences and impact. We will spend time studying ways of life, war time and changes in Britain. We will look closely at propaganda, world leaders and even weapons! We look forward to World War Two dress up day later this term!

DT

During this half term, we will be focused on our DT unit of work: Felt Fun! Over the half term, we will be designing, product testing and making our own felt designs. We will explore materials needed, studying a particular brief and evaluating our end product.

P.E

This half term the children will have PE on a **Monday** and **Thursday**.

Please ensure your child arrives to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

On Monday, PE will be taught by Mrs Catchpole.

On Thursday, PE will be taught by Mrs Kubis.

COMPUTING

During this half term we will be collecting, exploring and recording data. We will Pupils will recap their work from Year 5 in creating spreadsheet formulae. They will use a formula to calculate the mean average of a set of data and will be able to devise a formula to calculate the area and perimeter of rectangles.

Pupils will also learn how to create a graph of their data using the spreadsheet tools.

At the end of the unit, pupils will work collaboratively in order to create a spreadsheet to calculate costs for a school event, real if possible.

RSE and PSHCE

This half term we will be thinking about "Being Me in My World!" We will explore what it means to be ourselves and how important it is to be unique. We will explore our goals for the year, our unique needs, how our actions can impact the world and how we can be a part of a community.

FRENCH

During this Autumn term, our unit of work will be 'Let's Visit the French Town' We will learn lots of new vocabulary all about visiting new places and new areas. Some specific areas we will focus on are: *going to school, the library, Maths, homes and number!*

HOMEWORK

In Key Stage Two, homework will be set weekly and will be sent home in your child's learning log (book)

- Spellings to learn
- One piece of English (SPAG or Reading) and one piece of Maths.

Your child may also come home with small tasks to do mid week for the next day in class. This is a great way for them to prepare for high school so please encourage them to get in to a good habit of organising their own time.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Catchpole.