



Autumn Term in Year 6...

Welcome back to a new year at St Thomas, we truly hope that you were able to enjoy the weather and have a great and relaxing break and you are ready for the exciting challenges ahead.

It is wonderful to hear about the stories of the holidays and some of the children's achievements too. We are very impressed and proud of the children already. Be sure to keep visiting our class page on the website-work and comments made by the children will be regularly updated.

Year Six is a very important year, which will prepare the children for secondary school by building on their knowledge and skills to ensure that they are ready for the changes ahead. The children will continue to build up their spelling and grammar knowledge as well as progress with times tables and mental arithmetic. We would like to see well-rounded and confident children by the end of the year.

This term begins the year with a focus on becoming part of Peace Class and Humility Class. Our character education focus is woven throughout our daily interactions as we live out the school vision: 'Encouraging each other, overflowing with hope.'

Mrs. Shaw, Miss Clark, Miss Stanley and Miss Webster are working as a team to ensure that everyone is able to reach their full potential this year. The children's learning will benefit from the consolidation and confidence-building activities set for homework.

Homework is important and we will expect it to be completed and handed in on time – on Wednesdays. It helps consolidate learning and build up your child's confidence.

Reading books will need to be in school daily, changing them when they have been finished. Even though the children are now growing in maturity, please do take the time to hear them read to build their confidence with the more challenging vocabulary they will now be

devouring! Any notes or comments would be appreciated in the reading logs –especially any vocabulary that can be shared with the rest of the class for us to use in our writing.

Spellings will be set on a Friday, to be tested the following Friday.



Times tables are vital to the children’s calculation abilities and will be tested every weekly. The children will need to know both the multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. A knowledge of squared and cubed numbers will also be beneficial to support mathematics this year.



Meet the Year 6 Team



Miss Clark Class teacher

Miss Webster Teaching Assistant

Mrs. Shaw Assistant Headteacher

Curriculum overview

Art/DT

Term 1: Art
We shall be studying Turner and Van Gogh to create our own paintings of the Stump.

English

Our focus will be on the gothic text of Frankenstein. The children will explore blogging and report on the events as they arise.

At the end of the term, we will have our WW1 week- we will focus on poetry.

Science

By exploring light and electricity, children will have a clear understanding of how light travels and behaves as well as electrical safety and investigating circuits. The children will work scientifically, setting up and conducting experiments.

Computing

The year begins with a focus on computer systems, e-safety and understanding our digital footprint.

Term 1

French

This term we will be exploring the country of France, while engaging in conversation and asking and answering questions. We will concentrate on using the correct verb forms.

R.E

'Moral Dilemmas'
It's alive leads us to discuss different moral dilemmas – such as cloning and de extinction – while exploring Biblical figures who found themselves in the thicket of a dilemma.

Mathematics

This term we will be working towards ensuring that the children are secure in their 3, 6, 4 and 8 times tables. This means that they will be able to rapidly recall both the multiplication and division facts. Calculation methods will be revised and secured as well as a deeper understanding of place value up to 10,000,000 and to 3 decimal places.

P.E.

Mr Melson will be leading our games sessions on Fridays to develop our tag rugby games skills

On Wednesdays we will be swimming each week in order to make sure that everyone achieves their 25m before they leave Primary School..

Music

We will begin with a murder mystery, as the children will be exploring the orchestra and its different sections and the roles they play, whilst delving deeper into each area.

PSHE

Relationships will be explored further, exploring how to address conflicts and to have restorative conversations.

Children will be exploring the PSHE curriculum through the headings of Health and Wellbeing, Relationships and Living in the Wider World. Much of this is discussed during our reflection times, in which children are given the opportunity to share thoughts and feelings and whilst listening to others. There is a special area in the classroom which will support with this too. We also link these themes to our overall topic, providing a real context for the children to explore and learn from. There will be a real focus on how we build relationships with people and the feelings that this can bring.

If you want to support your child further please explore the following websites over the term or use the QR codes provided.



<http://www.sumdog.com>



http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/



<http://www.math-exercises-for-kids.com/math-4.htm>



We are so excited to continue to inspire and support your children in reaching their potential this year with your valued support across the curriculum including sports. Please do speak to us if you have ideas, questions or concerns over your child. It would be lovely to see any certificates or awards your child receives, so please do bring them in. Remember to inform of us of any change in circumstance – little or big. It can really affect the behaviour and feelings of your child and we want to be able to support your child as fully as possible.

We thank you for your continued support,

Miss Clark and Mrs. Shaw

