St. John's Church of England Primary School and Nursery

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A Christian environment for growing, learning and fun

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 2 Term

Be the best you can be!

Respect
Kindness
Perseverance
Care

Welcome to Year 6!

We are delighted with the positive start the children have made to this exciting new chapter. We have been incredibly impressed by their mature attitude, enthusiasm and willingness to embrace new responsibilities, as well as the many 'little things' they do each day that reflect the St. John's Way through respect, kindness, perseverance and care for others.

Learning together for a brighter tomorrow

Our Christian Value

Thankfulness

Our Christian value for this half-term is 'Thankfulness' and we look forward to seeing the children continue to demonstrate gratitude for the opportunities, friendships and successes that make our school community so special.

"Give thanks in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Reading

Our class reader will be **Street Child by Berlie Doherty.**



A reminder that children should be reading at home at least 5 times a week. This can be independently or to an adult; all reading should be recorded in your child's reading record and signed by an adult. Reading records are checked on Mondays.

English

Our text focus is:
Can We Save The Tiger? by Martin Jenkins



Our mastery keys are:

- Enhance meaning through selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary
- Use modal verbs and adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility
- Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis

Maths

Week 1 – Ratio & Proportion & Fractions
Week 2 – Ratio & Proportion/Fractions
Week 3 – Ratio & Proportion/Fractions
Week 4 – Measures & Shape
Week 5 – Assessment
Week 6 – Number & Place Value
Week 7 – Review

RE

Our unit focus is:

'People of God': How can following God bring freedom and justice?

Pupils will explore how Moses brought freedom, justice and salvation and why he is important in Christianity, Judaism and Islam. They will learn how Bible teachings influence Christians' beliefs and actions and reflect on how ideas of freedom and justice can inspire people today.

Science



Year 6 have been learning about the **human circulatory system**, exploring the **structure and function** of the heart, blood and blood vessels. Through investigations, pupils measured heart rates, tested hypotheses and analysed how exercise affects the body. They also explored healthy lifestyle choices and the impact of substances such as smoking, alcohol and drugs on overall health.

PE

Indoor PE: Dodgeball
Outdoor PE: Netball

- PE kits need to stay in school and will be sent home at the end of each half-term.
- Long hair needs to be tied back and earrings should be removed.



PSHE

Our unit focus is: 'Being Safe'

Pupils will learn how to keep themselves safe in a range of situations, including around water, fire, roads and railways, while also understanding how to prevent and respond to bullying. They develop awareness of online safety by exploring the benefits and risks of using AI chatbots and other digital technologies.

Computing

Our unit focus is: 'E-Safety'

Pupils will learn how to:

- Build a positive digital identity
- Form safe and respectful online relationships
- Manage their online reputation
- Evaluate online information
- Protect their privacy and wellbeing
- Understand their rights and responsibilities regarding digital content, copyright and ownership.

Project Learning

This half-term, we will be exploring a range of exciting topics across the curriculum.

DT – Food for Life

- Healthy eating
- Whole and processed foods
- Preparing healthy meals
- Hygiene and safety

Art – Tints, Tones and Shades

- Colour theory
- The colour wheel
- Creating landscapes using different colour mixes

Geography – Investigating Our World

Maps, climate and vegetation zones

- Biomes
- Settlements, transport networks
- Sustainability
- Global cities
- Fieldwork and enquiry skills

Spanish

En El Colegio – At School

Children will develop their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills through vocabulary and conversations linked to school life.

Music

Journeys – Song Cycle Performance

Pupils will develop their musical performance skills through learning and performing songs as part of a song cycle.

Upcoming Events

Bikeability

- Mrs Heer's class: 23rd–24th November
- Mrs Newton's class: 25th–26th November

As children will be outdoors for much of the day, please ensure they come dressed warmly and wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather.

Important Reminders

- Water bottles need to have a sports cap.
- Bookbags only, not rucksacks.
- PE kits stay in school and will be sent home at the end of each half-term.
- Read at least 5 times a week.
- Be the best you can be!

School Website

Find all the latest information about school at:

https://www.stjohnsbelper.co.uk/

The Year 6 Team

Mrs Heer
Mrs Newton

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