

# Welcome Back Year 6! Summer Term

Dear Parents / Guardians

We hope you have enjoyed the break and are ready for your last term in St. Patrick's Primary School! During this term, we will ensure you will feel prepared for the next step of your educational journey as you leave St. Patrick's. We have lots of exciting activities for your children, both in and out of school where they will make lots of treasured memories. Your children have worked hard this year and they have shown how determined they are to leave St. Patrick's Primary School being the best person they can possibly be. We know how exciting and also hard

working the last year in Primary School can be for your child and yourselves, so we want to support you in every way we can. Feel free to ask any questions if you need any more information.

Thank you for all of your support. Mr. Barber, Mrs. Horner, Mrs. Bowler, Mrs. Ryan and Miss Quigley

## English

This term, we will look at Blitz poetry and think about the impact of words and how we can create imagery in our writing. We will move on to look at and watch nature documentaries and narratives to learn how to use Year 6 features of writing to engage the reader, whilst writing in the style of the legend, David Attenborough. In the second half term, we will discuss our favourite authors and creatively write letters to them in the hope of receiving a reply. In our reading sessions we will continue to focus on new vocabulary and how to use contextual clues to work out the meaning of unknown words. We will also practise and improve our summarising, retrieval, prediction and inferencing skills.

## Maths

To make sure that we are ready for secondary school, we will continue to practise arithmetic regularly using the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Times tables tests will take place each Friday which will be part of your child's homework. Please support your child in learning all of their times tables – a secure knowledge will make KS2 maths much easier! We will continue to follow White Rose Maths which involves problem solving and some greater -depth thinking. Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily to improve our rapid recall skills.

## Science

This term, we will study 'Light'. We will carry out many practical investigations to see how we can change shadows. We will explore how our eyes allow us to see as well as investigating the difference between reflection and refraction. How can a rainbow coloured wheel turn white when it is spun? The second half of this term will have an eco-focus whereby we look at the wonderful world of bees and how important they are to the environment.

## RE

The focus of this term's RE work is 'Witnesses' and 'Healing'. Children will learn the courage needed to be a witness and how Pentecost and the Holy Spirit enables people to witness the Easter message. During the second half-term, we will look at 'Healing' and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick. We will also look at how the Church is called to the stewardship of creation and how Christians can work towards justice for all.

## PE

Tennis – The first half term will be a chance to learn some new tennis skills. We will learn how to control a racket, the coordination needed to hit a ball and the skills needed to move around a tennis court. Athletics -This term the focus will be on developing the technical understanding of athletic activities. Setting own targets and improving personal best in terms of sprinting, throwing, etc. will help to build up stamina and be more precise and efficient with movement. Lessons are brilliantly delivered by Mr Poole or Mr Mills, our expert PE coaches. PE is on a Friday so remember to have PE Kits in school (White tops/black shorts and trainers).

## Computing

In the first half-term we will be looking at how games are made and the computer coding behind them. We will learn how to use programs like Scratch to create our own games. In the second half term we will be using programming to create a loop. We will be testing to see if computers will do what we tell them to do. It will take a lot of debugging and testing of the process. We are hoping to be able to use our school drone to test our programming skills!

## French

Moi Dans Le Monde (Me In The World) In this unit the children will learn about the many countries in the Francophone world, including different festivals (religious and non-religious) They will deepen their understanding about the fact that we are all different and yet all the same. They will also learn how to say what they can do to help to protect our planet in French.

As we approach the end of the summer term, we will create 'Mon Livre Francais' whereby we will design and write a French book which children in Ks1 can use to help them improve their French. Classes 11 and 12 will partner up with KS1 and read the book to them to improve our speaking, listening and presentation skills.

## Art and D&T

Art- In this topic, the children will explore one perspective drawing - art that creates images with the correct proportions focusing on a point on the landscape! We will practise drawing in straight lines and making sure our illustrations are in the right proportions. We will improve our sketching skills and think about how we can make our drawings lifelike.

Design & Technology – In our food we will be spreading joy, making muffins, biscuits or fairy cakes for the elderly and housebound in our community. We will learn how to use an oven to cook food and gain an understanding of how a vegetarian and vegan maintains a healthy diet. Children will learn techniques such as chopping, peeling, grating, slicing, mixing, spreading, kneading and baking.

## History

In our history lessons we will be studying the Civil Rights Movement and the reasons as to why it was initiated. We will find out how slave traders transported African people across the ocean to be slaves in America and why slavery was abolished in 1863. Significant people connected to the Civil Rights movement will also be discussed such as Jim Crow (Laws) and Martin Luther King.

## Music

Summer 1-Rock anthems. Pupils will listen to a range of songs which will support and enrich their understanding of its theme, while deepening their musical knowledge and experience.

Summer 2- 'You've got a Friend'. Pupils will perform this song in unison and play instrumental parts accurately and in time. They will compose a melody based on a simple rhythm and use this as part of their performance.

## Homework

Children in Year 6 are required to do homework almost every night. The amount of homework given is carefully thought out and should never take more than one hour to complete. Included (each night) in this is 20 minutes reading. They should spend 10 minutes on tables and 10 minutes on spellings which are set each week. Each week children will be given either a Grammar or reading task and a Maths task to complete for the following week. Some of their homework will be online - Maths.co.uk and Spag.com. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in a routine so that he /she completes the task to a good standard and by the due date.

## Notices

- Summer term is the Year 6 trip to Holland!
- We will be organising our Class 11 & 12 end of year Mass for leavers too!
- Secondary schools will contact you with transition dates for your child.