



Welcome to Class 6/7 Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year to you all!

The children had a great first term and we are very excited about our learning between now and Easter.



Maths

We are focusing on multiplication, division, money, statistics, length, perimeter and fractions this term. Times tables and key instant recall facts will be practised daily to improve our rapid recall skills. In Year 3 we expect children to know their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x times tables and the related division facts.

Knowing times tables will make maths much easier! Please support your child in learning their times tables – you could quiz them on the way to and from school! TTRockstars is a brilliant way of having fun whilst learning times tables. Look out for battles against other classes!

We have 2-sessions in school using SumDog/ TTRockstars to consolidate our learning and to practise key skills which will help us with our maths! You can use SumDog at home, too! (Children have log-in details for both SumDog and TTRockstars in their reading records).



English

This term, we will look at the genres of character profiles, instruction writing, letter writing, fiction story-writing and acrostic poems.

In our reading sessions we will practise our comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text. Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practised daily in class.

We will be working through the spellings from the Year 3 word-list and explore how sentences can be written using different structures.

Finally, we are having a big push on developing our oracy skills and will be encouraging all children to speak with expression, in full, clear sentences, and to present and perform to an audience. Reading at home daily will support all aspects of the curriculum and we value your support in this.

RE

The first topic that we will look at this term is Journeys (Local Church). In this topic, we will look at a Christian family's journey with Christ.

We will also take some time to look at the Eucharist and think about what how Jesus gives himself to us.

Finally, our Lent/Easter focus will be Giving All. We will remember Jesus' total giving at this time.

We eagerly await the new RE framework: 'Lighting the Path'.

As a school we will continue to experience a variety of prayer and liturgy. We use our prayer time to reflect, and often speak about the people in our families/community. We welcome you to join us for Stay and Pray and class masses (see dates below).



Science

During the Spring term we will be learning about using forces such as magnetism and gravity. We will be making a board game using a magnet to move the pieces.

We will then be exploring rocks. We will test the suitability and durability and think about which rocks would be best for specific jobs.

Can you find any interesting rocks or fossils on the beach?



PE

Our PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We will have basketball lessons delivered by Mr Snaith. We will be taught different passing techniques such as bounce passing, overhead passing and chest passing. We will learn how, why and when each pass is useful!

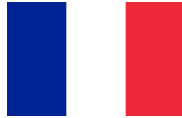
In addition, after half-term the children will participate in street dance lessons, which will be delivered by Urban Kaos. The children will create and learn a dance routine as a group.

Please bring PE kits in on a Monday and leave in school until the end of the week.
(White tops/black shorts/joggers and trainers).

French

Bonjour! In French we will be learning to name different fruits and say these with the correct determiner 'un or une'. We will learn how to ask someone if they like or dislike a fruit and attempt to spell the words using our phonic knowledge.

Then, we will learn how to say and read different flavours of ice-cream! We will learn how to ask for an ice-cream in French using 'je voudrais' and say which size of ice-cream we would like!



Art, Music and D&T

Art will be based upon the work of a local artist. We will use paints to produce a painting in their style.

In Music the children will be singing and learning to play the Glockenspiels and reading music. If any children can play an instrument, it would be great for them to perform in class!

In D&T children will be learning about different bridges and will be challenged on how to plan, design and build their own bridge. They will then test out it's strength!

Computing

We have an exciting new computing curriculum: iCompute! We will be learning how to program, search and animate using technology.

We will also be continuing our work on e-safety, including cyber-bullying.

Please continue to encourage a healthy screentime routine, safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks. Thank you

History & Geography

Our Spring topic this term is 'Terrific Tectonics'. We will be learning all about eruptions and how they help us to learn about the past. We will be studying capital cities and will learn how popular landmarks affect a countries economy (tourists ect!)

We will be using maps, atlases and research to help us learn key geographical features from around the world, and will learn how volcanoes are formed!

Homework

Reading is very important! Please listen to your child read each night and ensure they bring their reading book and record to school **every** day. It would be appreciated if you could also write a comment to let us know how your child is getting on at home with their reading.

Reading Plus should be accessed at home (this can be their reading for the evening.)

Spellings will continue to be sent home each Friday ready for test the following Friday. Please help your child to learn their words.

SumDog/TT Rockstars -tasks will be set focusing on the maths/tables we have learned that week.

All log-ins are in your reading record!

If you need any support with homework, please speak to us.

Important Dates!

Half-term holiday begins Friday 20th February. Children return to school on **Monday 2nd March**.

We break up for Easter Thursday 2nd April. Children return **Monday 20th April**

Class 7	Art Exhibition Thursday 22 nd January 3pm Stay and Pray Tuesday 3rd February 2:40 pm Class Mass Friday 30 th January 10am at church	Class 6	Art Exhibition Thursday 22 nd January 3pm Stay and Pray Tuesday 10th February 2:40 pm Class Mass Friday 20 th February 10am at church
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And our social media for regular updates and photos!