



In the Light of Jesus
we Learn to Shine

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcome you and your children to Year 6, a very busy year in which we continue to prepare the children for the end of Key Stage 2 tests (SATs) as well as make the important preparations for transition to High School. For your information we are sending you an overview of the curriculum your child will be covering this term. We will continue to teach an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects from the start of the Autumn Term. Please be assured we will use teacher assessment prior to learning any new content, to address any areas missed due to school closure.

During the Autumn Term there will be an opportunity to have formal feedback on how your child has settled into their new class and year group.

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| <p>Religious Education: In Year 6 the children will explore the Domestic Church and the themes of Family and Loving.</p> <p>It is in the family that most Christians first experience the reality of Church. Everyone begins life in a home and family or community of some kind. The children will develop their understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The love and care of people • God's love as unconditional and never ending • The true meaning of unconditional love • That forgiveness as an essential part of unconditional love. <p>During this term Year 6 will also spend a week exploring and developing an appreciation of another faith; this will be the faith tradition of Judaism.</p> <p>PSHE Topics covered this term are: valuing diversity; challenging discrimination and stereotypes and evaluating media sources.</p> | <p>English: English writing this term will be based on the popular novel "Goodnight Mister Tom" written by Michelle Magorian which focuses on the experiences of a World War 2 evacuee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written tasks - writing a persuasive leaflet, a playscript and an instructional text, each focusing on historical facts and the language of the era. • 'The Great St Joseph's Reading Race' continues to be a focus with pupils aiming to read all 14 texts during the year. <p><i>The children will be preparing for SATs by looking at different written genres, grammar, punctuation and spelling.</i></p> <p>We will be introducing an extra reading comprehension session per week and the children will receive weekly homework tasks covering reading (CPG), punctuation, spelling and grammar.</p> |
| <p>Maths: Please note that the Calculation Policy is in the Home and School Diary</p> <p>Topics covered will be:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place value, ordering, rounding • Roman numerals • Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole and decimal numbers • Money and real life problems • Fractions, decimals and percentages including the addition and subtraction of fractions • Ratio and proportion • Handling data – probability, bar charts, pie charts, line graphs etc • Shape and reasoning about shape. | <p>Science:</p> <p>Light - The children will study how light travels and how we are able to see. Also, how shadows are created and change. During the topic we will be making pin hole cameras and investigating how they work.</p> <p>Electricity - The children will investigate and make circuits with different features and recognise the impact when components on the circuit are modified.</p> <p>Throughout the term the children will be working scientifically by planning their own investigations, recording results in different ways and drawing conclusions that can be presented and fed back to others.</p> |

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| <p>Computing:</p> <p>Google Classroom – pupils will again become familiar with this online learning tool and increase their understanding of editing and resubmitting work.</p> <p>‘We are Cryptographers’ – this unit will help the children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how messages can be sent and received in different ways • Use a variation on the Caesar Cipher to decode a message • Create a substitution cipher using an online program. • Understand how information is kept secure on the web <p>Online Safety will continue to be an important aspect of your child’s learning.</p> | <p>PE</p> <p>This term Year 6 will cover dance linked to our curriculum topic on World War 2 and a gymnastic unit during their P.E. sessions. In gymnastics we will explore different methods of travelling including rolls, twist, turn and jumps.</p> <p>In Games sessions each class will take part in at least two of the following activities this term – rugby and hockey skills, indoor athletics and basketball skills. They will also have training sessions with Luton Town Football coaches.</p> <p>Most of these activities will take place outside; in colder weather the children will need warmer clothes such as tracksuit bottoms and jumpers.</p> |
| <p>Creative Curriculum - we have revised the way the curriculum is taught to develop a more creative approach to teaching the National Curriculum in order to promote both excellence and enjoyment for all pupils. Teaching the core skills through topic based work has resulted in more emphasis on ‘hands-on’ child centred work and creativity. In each year group the key skills of geography, history, DT and art will be taught in three topics across the year. This term through the topic ‘Battling Britain’ Year 6 will be exploring the history of World War Two. We will cover aspects of learning such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Road to War – How the events of WW1 led to formation of the Nazi party and subsequently WW2 • The negotiations that took place to try to prevent the war • Understanding how children were evacuated for their safety • The events of the Blitz including the art of Henry Moore • The use of propaganda • The role of women in the war | |

Miscellaneous:

Please could you ensure your child brings all that is needed to school each day. Encourage your child to read and enjoy a wide variety of texts at home and if possible, visit the local library. Every child should be encouraged to read regularly, daily if they require it and to practise their spellings and multiplication tables. Please check the Home and School diary to confirm tasks that have been set during the week and ensure your child returns their work promptly so that it can be marked and feedback given.

Weekly maths activities and spelling tasks will be sent home up to December 2021. The children will also continue to take part in the St. Joseph’s Reading Race with a new set of texts for Year 6. SATs revision tasks will be the main focus of your child’s homework in the Spring Term.

Sadly, due to the current situation, **Class Prayer Bags** cannot be sent home at this time, however this is continually under review. We encourage you to set some time aside each week to pray together as a family.

Times of PE sessions are recorded in the Home and School diary. Please make sure that your child has their correct PE kit in school on the appropriate day, **clearly marked with their name**. May we also take this opportunity to remind parents that for health and safety reasons, **no jewellery can be worn during P.E. lessons** and those children who use inhalers must have them in school.

We are looking forward to beginning our work with you and your child during the coming term. If you have any questions or concerns before the Parent Consultation Meeting, please use the Home and School Diary to make an appointment to meet with your child’s class teacher or Year Leader, or alternatively make an appointment through the main school office.

Thank you for your support and involvement in your child’s learning.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 6 Leader

