YEAR 6 AUTUMN 1
CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2019

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"Happy together in God's family, we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday, Year 6 seem to have had an action packed summer and are ready to get stuck into life in Year 6.

I have really enjoyed getting to know the children over the last two weeks and I am finding lots of things out which will help us learn together throughout the year.

Year 6 will be supported in their learning throughout the year by Mrs Wilson on Wednesday and Thursdays, who will also teach Spanish on Friday mornings. Mrs Pounder will be delivering PE lessons on Friday afternoons.

We are all really looking forward to throwing ourselves in and immersing ourselves in our first topic: Leeds West Indian Carnival – we will be displaying all our amazing work in a Carnival parade at the end of the half term.

Homework for this half term will be sent out separately and will comprise of a grid with work to be done each week and optional projects and activities. Spellings and reading need to be done each week and the children have access to Times Table Rockstars, Purple Mash and Mathletics at home.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions.

Many thanks,
Miss Pearson

Important Days

Please bring PE kits in on a Monday and leave in school for the week.

Monday:
Library visit and reading books changed

Friday:
PE lesson
Spelling Test

Important Dates

Wednesday 11th September
Year 6 attend Mass

Thursday 19th September
Residential meeting at 5pm

Friday 20th September
Year 4 and Year 6 Class mass at 11am

Wednesday 25th September
School Photos

Friday 27th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9:15am

Sunday 29th September
Year 6 and Reception Welcome mass at 11am

Friday 4th October
Harvest Festival at 2:15pm

Monday 7th October → Friday 11th October
Residential

Monday 21st October
Parents Evening 5pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday 23rd October
Year 6 attend mass

Wednesday 23rd October
Parents Evening 4pm – 6:30pm

Thursday 24th October
Year 6 Assembly at 9:15am

The Year 6 Curriculum

Half-Term 1

English

This half term we will be looking at film literacy, working with the short films: The Alchemist's Letter and The Piano, where we will be focusing on narratives.

We will also be looking at the story of Hansel and Gretel with a twist. This unit will have a grammar focus whilst writing a narrative.

We will have a specific grammar focus each week where we will look at apostrophes, conjunctions, different tenses and determiners.

We will also continue to practise the Year 5/6 spelling words and homophones.

PE

Year 6 will have an afternoon of PE every Friday, taught by Mrs Pounder. PE this half term will focus on netball. We will learn to:

- Pass the ball accurately and with speed.
- Work individually and as a team to score.
- Dodge a defender when running towards the goal.
- Recognise when speed, strength and stamina are important in games.
- Identify the main aspects of a good performance.

Music

All the learning this half term is focused around a piece of music called 'I'll Be There' by Jackson 5. The learning involves an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing are all linked.

RE

We will learn about Jesus' teaching and the service of others. We will develop the ability to recognise that God has given us all gifts and talents to use in the service of him and his people and about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, understanding that we receive these gifts in a special way through the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will have an opportunity to reflect on a life of service through the role of the priest, religious and married life.

History and Geography

Year 6 will be looking at the Leeds West Indian Carnival this half term. We will look at where the carnival came from including map work and research. We will also learn to understand why the carnival started and the history of the movement. We will build up music, art, DT and ICT to end the topic with a carnival parade through school.

Computing

We start the topic, 'Coding' this half term. We will learn how to:

- Design and write a more complex program that accomplishes a specific goal.
- Use buttons to showcase work.
- Use 2Code to make a text based adventure.

Mathematics

This half term we will be looking at place value, number operations and fractions. In place value, we will be developing our conceptual understanding through comparing, ordering and rounding numbers and using this knowledge to reason. There will be a problem solving and reasoning focus once a week, applying what we have learnt.

Every maths lesson we will also have a short session working on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables up to 12 x 12.

Science

We will be starting a new topic, 'Light'. We will learn:

- How we see shadows.
- Reflection and refraction.
- How light travels and how this enables us to see objects.
- About mirrors and the angles of reflection and incidence.
- To work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate refraction by looking at the effects of light bending.

ART/DT

We will be looking at West Indian Carnival art and DT this half term. We will be making carnival costumes and headdress and making Caribbean food.

Personal Development

This half term we will be using Mindmate, leader in me and Character Education as part of our personal development. We will have a focus on leadership, self-integrity and caring for our world.