



## Curriculum Letter Autumn Term – Year 6



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Welcome to Year 6! Everyone has settled in very well and we are very much looking forward to an exciting and productive year. Year 6 is an extremely busy and important year but we are sure that everyone will give their very best and rise to all the challenges the year will offer. As well as lots of hard work, we will have plenty of opportunities for fun and trying out new things along the way.

The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed about your child's learning this term and to ensure you are aware of the class routines and procedures. Also, to let you know that our door is always open if you wish to discuss anything regarding your child and we look forward to meeting you all during the year.

The famous **SATs tests** will take place in the summer during the week beginning **14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. Once these have finished, we will have an amazing residential trip to **Avon Tyrrell Outdoor Activity Centre** which we are sure will be one of the highlights of the year. The dates for this trip **are Monday 21st – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. More details will follow later this term.

However, before we can look forward to the summer, we need to concentrate on what we are going to achieve this term across the curriculum. This term your child will be working on the following topics:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Work which we will cover during the Autumn Term</u>
<b>Literacy</b>	Our class novel will be War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. We will look at writing Recounts and Historical Stories. We will also be learning how to structure and write Instruction and Explanation texts. Throughout the year we will be working really hard on Spelling Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG).
<b>Numeracy</b>	Number properties, Fractions and decimals, Calculations using all four rules/operations, Shape and Angles (Please help your child by showing them how to use a protractor) All Times Tables – Please help your child to learn their tables really thoroughly during this term.
<b>R.E.</b>	Our topics include: Creation, Harvest, Parts of the Mass, Prayers, Saints & Feasts, Advent and Christmas
<b>P.S.H.E.</b>	New beginnings, Getting on and falling out and how to deal with these situations
<b>HUMANITIES</b>	We will be looking at the Mayan Civilisation. The children will investigate how they lived, their culture and their legacy.
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Electricity Light
<b>P.E.</b>	Netball and Tag Rugby
<b>MUSIC</b>	Singing a wide range of songs, composing and performing pieces
<b>ART/Design &amp; Technology</b>	Artwork – painting, sketching and learning about Vincent Van Gogh



**Please Note:** P.E. will be taught on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure the correct P.E. uniform is available in school every day, labelled with your child's name and that pupils have tracksuit bottoms and trainers for cooler weather. Please could you also provide your child with a pair of white sports socks to wear every time they do P.E.

### **WATER**

To ensure maximum concentration and comfort, pupils should have access to water throughout the day. While we do have drinking taps, it is advisable that your child brings in a bottle of water with their name clearly labelled on it.

### **SNACKS**

At morning break (10:15) children may have a piece of fruit to eat. This should be fresh fruit and not dried fruit or fruit sweets. Please remember that St. Joseph's is a nut-free school, so please ensure any food brought in adheres to this.

### **HOME LEARNING**

It is important that pupils have a quiet space in which to do their home learning and that they are organised in handing homework in on time.

Two pieces of homework (usually Maths and Literacy)

- **Literacy Homework is set on a Wednesday to be handed in by the following Monday**
- **Spellings will be sent home on a Wednesday to be tested on Monday**
- **Maths Homework is set on a Friday to be handed in by the following Wednesday**

**In addition, there will be mental maths tests as well as times tables tests every week.**

We would suggest that children spend no more than 45 minutes on each homework task.

If your child does have any problems when attempting their work, please feel free to come and see us, or write a note in their book.

### **READING**

Please encourage your child to read at home, both to themselves and aloud to someone who is able to hear them. Please guide them in their reading but most importantly praise them. If you require any resources to help questioning your child's reading, we are happy to provide you with these. The children really need to focus and improve upon their comprehension of what they are reading.



We sincerely hope your child has a happy year achieving their full potential in their final year at St. Joseph's. If you have any concerns and/or wish to pass on good news, please do not hesitate to come and see us. We'd be happy to help. If you would like to visit our classroom, schedule a meeting to discuss anything, or volunteer to help out, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. We will be on the playground at the end of each school day. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Loader, Mr Curran & TA Team

*"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."*  
Henry Ford

