



Teacher: Miss Thomas

Teaching Assistants: Mrs McCarthy (Monday - Thursday am)

Mrs Farrell (Friday am)

Happy New Year! I hope you were able to enjoy a lovely Christmas break with your families and you all stayed well. I am proud of Year 6 and how hard they worked during the Autumn term – they are making good progress and I hope they continue with the same positive attitude this term.

Here is an overview of what we will be learning during the Spring term:



RE

Revelation

- * Explore the relationship between St Paul and God.
- * Consider what is meant by 'apostolic tradition'.

Lent

- * Explore in depth the teaching of Jesus through The Rich Man and Lazarus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well.
- * Look at the meaning of The Beatitudes.

Other Faiths – Islam

- * Explore the importance of peace and pilgrimage to Mecca.

Science: Evolution and Inheritance, Light

PE: Netball, Problem solving, Health related fitness, Tennis

History: World War 2

RSHE: Friendships and Relationships, Staying safe

DT: Electrical systems and Computer aided design

Computing: Online Safety

English

Our English work this term will be based on work on refugees, as well as World War 2.

We will be covering a range of genres including:

Formal and informal letters
Diary entries
Descriptive writing
Narrative writing
Writing dialogue
Persuasive writing

Reading will be a top priority throughout the term. We will read every day in class both independently and read our class book



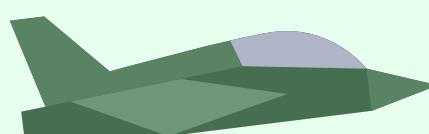
Maths

- Percentages
- Area and perimeter
- Converting measure
- Problem solving
- Statistics

Formal and informal letters

Diary entries

- Column addition and subtraction
- Long multiplication
- Long division
- Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing by fractions
- Percentage of amounts
- BODMAS



PE

This will normally take place on Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that P.E kit is in school every day, as it may be required for additional games activities and that all kit is named. A change of socks, a plastic bag for wet trainers and a roll-on deodorant are all important to have as well.



Reading

Reading is so important and it is vital that the children read or are read to every day. My expectation is that the children read for at least 20 minutes each day at home. Children need to record their reading in their diary and parents are to sign it at the end of each week. Reading diaries are collected in every Monday.



Homework

During the Spring term, the children will continue to have maths and English homework every week. It is important that the children are organised in handing it in on time and completing it to the best of their ability. If they do not hand it in, they will be completing it during their lunchtime. I am free most lunchtimes, so please encourage them to come and ask if there is a problem. Homework will be set on Friday to be in for the following Thursday.



SATS

KS2 SATS are taking place this year in the week beginning **Monday 11th May**. Please speak to me if you have any questions about SATS. There will be an information meeting on **Monday 19th January** at 2.50pm. It is really important for at least one parent to attend.

Monday 11th May

SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) - 45 minutes
Spelling - 20 minutes

Tuesday 12th May

Reading - 1 hour

Wednesday 13th May

Arithmetic - 30 minutes
Reasoning 2 - 40 minutes

Thursday 14th May

Reasoning 3 - 40 minutes

Mobile phones

Please ensure that you are checking your child's phones regularly. Just a reminder that the age restriction for Whatsapp is 16, so no child in Year 6 should be using the app and setting up group chats.



Expectations

A big part of my role this year is getting the children ready for secondary school. Two very important qualities for the children to have are **resilience** and **independence**. Part of this means taking responsibility for their actions if something goes wrong, speaking to an adult in school if they are not happy about something and learning that sometimes we have to get on even if we don't like something. In Year 6, children are responsible for bringing their PE kit into school and homework in, not parents. Please encourage your children to be resilient and independent.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is dressed smartly and always has the correct uniform on. School shoes are to be worn and not trainers. Long hair needs to be tied back. No jewellery is to be worn. If you have any questions, please ask.



Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school every day and only off if they are really unwell. Children need to be punctual to school as we start learning as soon as the children arrive at **8.45am**. Any child arriving after 9.00am has already missed 15 minutes learning and often feel anxious as everyone else is already in class and has started their learning for the day.

Avon Tyrrell

Year 6 will be going to Avon Tyrrell for a 5 day, 4 night residential in June. The dates for the visit are booked for **Monday 8th - Friday 12th June 2026**. Thank you for returning the forms and paying the deposits. I will be sending out medical forms this half-term to be filled in. There will be an information evening next term, but if you have any questions, please ask.



As always, please contact me if you have any concerns or queries about your child. I look forward to seeing you all again at parents' evening in March.

Yours sincerely
Miss Thomas