



Teacher: Miss Thomas

Teaching Assistant: Mrs McCarthy (Mon - Thurs am)
Mrs Farrell (Friday am)

I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and enjoyed a well-deserved break. The children have worked really hard and I am proud of them and the progress they are making. It's hard to believe that it's their last term at St Joseph's. I want to make this last term as happy and memorable for them as possible, as well as making sure they are prepared for secondary school. Here is an overview of what we will be learning during the Summer term



**RE
Easter**

- * Examines the Easter story through the eyes of Thomas and the sources of doubt.
- * Explores the belief in eternal life.

Pentecost

- * Considers the importance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as expressed through confirmation
- * Explores the account of the coming of the Holy Spirit in John's Gospel.

Sacraments

- * Looks at the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, as revelation of the Holy Spirit

English

We will be continuing to do a variety of writing, focusing on Titanic. The different genres we will look at are:

- Narratives, including writing dialogue
- Balanced argument
- Formal letter
- Diary entry

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



Maths

- Properties of shape
- Problem solving
- Ratio
- Algebra
- Revision of all topics

Arithmetic including:

- 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



Science: Animals and humans, Human Reproduction

PE: Athletics, Cricket

Geography: Our changing world and Climate Change

RSHE: Moving on, Puberty

Art and DT: Digital world using CAD, Textiles, Sculpture and 3D art

Music: Jazz and Blues

Computing: Coding using Scratch



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 especially during this last term. 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

Up until SATS, the children will continue to be given their Maths and English homework in their book. This should take approximately 45 minutes to complete. It is the children's responsibility to do their homework and it is important that the children are organised in handing it in on time and completing it to the best of their ability. Homework will continue to be set on Friday to be in for the following Friday. In order to prepare the children for secondary school, if the homework is not completed, they will be completed it at lunchtime. After SATS, the children will continue to have homework, but this will be in a different format.



SATS

KS2 SATS are taking place this year in the week beginning **Monday 11th May**. The children have worked really hard and I know that they will do their best. It is compulsory for the children to be in school for these tests.

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

RSHE

As part of the Year 6 RSHE (Relationships and Health Education) curriculum, we will be splitting the girls and boys to do the puberty talks. This will be about the changes that happen to their bodies. I will also teach some of this together. We will be watching different videos from our Ten ten curriculum. As well as this, we will also be learning about inappropriate touch, which is very similar to the NSPCC talk that we have in school every couple of years. Please use the link below if you would like to see what the lesson will involve. If you would like to see the videos, please e-mail the office and we will send you details so that you can access them.

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Password: jelly-ice-cream



A request ...

Year 6 will be doing textiles as one of their DT unit and we will be making cushion covers. For this, I would like to use St. Joseph's school uniform. If you have any old uniform, including PE kit, school dresses, school ties and jumpers with the school logo on, please can you send it into school and I will collect it to cut up. This uniform can be any size. Thank you.

Forest School

On Tuesday 5th and 12th May, Year 6 will be having Forest School afternoon. Please ensure that they have a change of clothes each week with appropriate footwear (wellington boots when wet and muddy are perfect). We will be outside in all weathers, so please ensure your child has waterproofs if the forecast for rain.



Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school every day. The children should only be off if they are really poorly. 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

It is getting closer to our residential, which takes place from **Monday 8th – Friday 12th June**. Thank you to those who have completed the online or paper medical form. I will be chasing up any forms not completed. Please continue to keep up with the payments. There will be a meeting about the trip on **Thursday 14th May** at 2.50pm. This is for parents only. I will send out a kit list prior to the meeting.



Secondary school transfer day

Over the coming weeks, you will be hearing from your child's secondary school. They have already been in contact with me and I will be doing transition meetings with all of the schools. Transition Day for all schools in BCP will be on **Friday 26th June**. I know that this is an anxious time for all the children, so we will also be doing our own preparation in school for this next step. I recently came across this book (Go Big by Matthew Burton) written by a secondary school headteacher especially for children in Year 6. I have a copy in school that the children can borrow if they wish



Year 6 play

We will be performing a Year 6 play, Porridge, this term. Children will have the opportunity to audition for a part and I will try my best to give the part that they wish for, however, this will not always be possible. Please support your child with learning their lines and providing costumes.

Summer Fayre

St. Joseph's Summer Fayre will be held on **Friday 3rd July** from 3:15 – 6pm. Each year, Year 6 children run their own stalls. They will choose their groups in school and work together on ideas before the responsibility is handed over to the parents. A letter will be coming out nearer the time with more details and asking for your support

Expectations

My expectations for all children will continue to be high in this last term in order to help them be ready for secondary school. Three very important qualities for the children to have are **resilience, independence and kindness**. 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. Another rule that I have in Year 6 is, **'If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.'** 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.



Leavers' events and dates for the diary

This term is going to be an extremely busy one for Year 6. There are so many fun things happening for the children this term. Please keep your eyes peeled for letters that will be coming home so that things aren't missed.



11th - 14th May	SATS Week
Thursday 14th May - 2:50pm	Avon Tyrrell parents' meeting
8th - 14th June	Avon Tyrrell residential
16th June - pm	Sports Day
Friday 26th June	Secondary Transfer Day
Friday 3rd July 3:15-6pm	St. Joseph's Summer Fayre (Y6 to run their own stalls)
Thursday 9th July - 2pm and 6pm	Leavers' Play
Wednesday 15th July - 9:15am	Leavers' Mass at school
Wednesday 16th July - 2pm	Leavers' Assembly

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child. We pray for a fun and enjoyable last term at St. Joseph's for the children.

Yours sincerely
Miss Thomas

