

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to Year 6,

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays, we hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you for your kind gifts and cards that we received. Your support will be greatly appreciated in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time. This is important so your child has time to participate in morning tasks and settle into school especially as the KS2 National Tests are fast approaching. Your child has been given a home reading book. You can help your child by finding a quiet time to listen to them read for a maximum of about 10 minutes as often as possible. Please also help them to learn their times tables. Your help can make a big difference.

P.E. will be on Monday afternoons and Friday afternoons, please could you ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit which is black shorts, a white T – shirt and pumps or trainers.

Homework will be given out once a week on Fridays which will be due back in on Monday/Tuesday.

**What are we learning about?**

**English:** Text – Journey to the River Sea

Writing: Character profile, newspaper report, information text, letter, description and a recount.

Grammar: relative clauses, adverbs, commas, semi-colons, colons and building cohesion with paragraphs. SAT's revision.

**Maths:** Multiplication, division, geometry, fractions, decimals, percentages, algebra and revision. SAT's revision.

**R.E.** Christmas, Prayer, Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

**Science: Healthy Bodies** – we will learn about food and diet in the past which has contributed to our knowledge of a balanced diet. We will learn about the different food groups, how water and nutrients are transported in the human body. We will also look at how the heart works and the circulatory system.

**Evolution and Inheritance** – To recognise that living things produce offspring but are not always identical. We will learn how plants and animals adapt to their environment.

**Special days / Dates**

**P.E.** will be taught on Monday afternoons and Friday afternoons.

**Spellings:** To be tested on Mondays with new spellings being given out.

**Homework:** To be handed out on Friday and to be returned on Monday/Tuesday.

**English Parent Workshop:** Wednesday 17th January & Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

**Parents Evening:** Monday 5th February

**Brilliant In Britain Week:** W/B 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Year 6 Mass:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

<p><b>Geography: South America</b> – We will learn about the location and countries of South America. The children will understand about the weather and climate of the continent. They will learn about the human geography, and about trade and industry.</p> <p><b>History: The Aztecs</b> – The children will find out who the Aztecs were and what an advanced civilisation they were. They will learn how society was organised and their beliefs.</p> <p><b>Art: Famous Fashions</b> – Children will discover how design is used in the home and will look at the work of different hat, clothes and shoe designers. The children will then work on designing a costume.</p> <p><b>DT: Shelters</b> – Children will investigate a range of shelters. They will explore how to join and combine materials and components and find out how to reinforce structures. They will find suitable textiles for the purpose of making a shelter. Children will consider specific designs to construct a shelter.</p> <p><b>Computing:</b> Creating an app/games using coding.</p> <p><b>Music:</b> Orchestra</p> <p><b>Spanish:</b> Describing people, talking about activities, festivals and dates and going to Spanish cities.</p>	
<p><b>Values for Spring Term:</b></p> <p>Compassionate and Loving – before half term</p> <p>Compassionate: Showing care and love for others.</p> <p>Loving: Being kind, respectful and caring for everyone</p>	