



Year 6 Newsletter Autumn 2 2022







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| Core text(s) for English | <p>Core Text: Grimm's Fairy Tales (gothic literature) by Phillip Pullman</p> <p>Whole Class Reading: Where the World Turns Wild</p> |
| Focus areas for English/outcomes | <p>Immersion in text: Write own version of a Grimm Fairy Tale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The song of wondering Agnue - create a poem based on symbolism. - Write from a character's perspective _____ |
| Grammar focus | <p>Revising spellings from the Year 5/6 list. Year 5 and 6 Spelling List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Idioms - Homophones ce/se - cious/tious - Figurative language - Prepositional phrases - Active vs passive - Conjunctions - Colons/Semi-colons - Apostrophes for contraction and possession - Possessive pronouns |
| Maths focus areas | <p>Fractions Add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers, using the concept of equivalent fractions</p> <p>Use common factors to simplify fractions; use common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination.</p> <p>Compare and order fractions, including fractions > 1 Recall and use equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages, including in different contexts.</p> |
| RE focus | <p>Theme & Topic: Baptism/Confirmation – Belonging – Vocations and commitment.</p> <p>Big Question: What is commitment for life?</p> <p>Theme & Topic: Advent/Christmas – Loving - Expectations</p> <p>Big Question: Should we have expectations in life?</p> <p>Other Faith: Judaism</p> |
| Faith in Action | <p><u>BBC Children in Need</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Friday 18th November 2022 we will be having a non-uniform day in aid of BBC Children in Need. • The theme is Spots, Stripes and Something Bright so wear your favourite colours and brightest outfits bringing along a £1 donation for the cause. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will also be hosting a Pudsey Cake Sale on Wednesday 16th November 2022. Home baked donations with a Pudsey theme are welcomed and will be sold at the end of the school day. Please ensure all home baked cakes have the ingredients and containers labelled and that they are nut free. • We will be sending books to a local hospital.   |
| <p>Foundation subject topics - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE</p> | <p>Geography – North America Overarching concepts: Place, Space, Scale, Environment, Interconnections, Physical and Human Processes. In this unit Year 6 will learn about natural disasters and discover how these events shape the surface of the earth and how they impact humans. They will learn about the impact of these disasters by carrying out deep studies into North American disasters. We will also learn about the areas of the Earth that are more prone to natural disasters and why.</p> <p>Science: Light How we see, How Light travels</p> <p>Electricity Symbols and Diagrams and Variation of Components Functions – Louder/brighter.</p> <p>Computing - Digital Learning: Use technology to collaborate on an extended project.</p> <p>Christmas Carols ... Traditional carols</p> <p>PSHCE: Health and Wellbeing: Looking after ourselves; growing up; becoming independent; taking more responsibility.</p> <p>Physical Education: Basketball Key Skills – children will apply a refined understanding of passing and moving and dribbling to score points against another team. The children will demonstrate resourcefulness and problem solving skills by creating a range of attacking and defending tactics, applying these to their games.</p> <p>MFL: Je me présente We will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count at least to 20 • Say their name and age. • Say hello and goodbye and then ask how somebody is feeling and answer • Say how they are feeling. • Tell you where they live. • Tell you their nationality and understand basic gender agreement rules. |

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| PE days (and kit expectations) | Your child's PE day will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Your child should wear their PE kit to school, with their school jumper on top. The PE kit should consist of a white t-shirt, navy or black bottoms and plimsoles/trainers. The school has to teach the National Curriculum and PE is a vital element of this. Participating regularly in physical activity is important to develop habits for a healthy adult life. No jewellery. |
| Key dates | Math Week 16 th & 17 th November Children in Need, wear something bright Friday 18 th November Parents Evening Tuesday 29 th November Parents Evening Thursday 1 st December EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 7 th December KS2 Nativity Thursday 15 th December Christmas dinner, wear Christmas jumper or party clothes 8 th December Christmas Fair (After school) 9 th December Friday 16 th December – Last day of term, finish at 2pm Return to school Wednesday 4th January 2023 |
| Ways to help at home | <p>Please listen to your child read regularly and discuss the text they are reading. As their books become more complex it is even more important they have the chance to discuss them with an adult. Please sign the reading record book and make a comment. Please encourage your child to learn their 'spelling words,' a few minutes practice each day can make a big difference. By Summer Year 6 your child is expected to have mastered their times tables but they need regular practice to retain the information. Your child will have their own account and password for 'Times Tables Rockstars'. It is important that they are able to recall number facts at speed to aid them with their daily maths work. If they are not yet confident this is a vital area to work on with them.</p> <p>Encourage your child to write at home, stories and letters or maybe they could keep a diary. Continue to borrow books of interest from the school and public library to find out all they can on this term's topics. You could also play a range of maths based games, such as Yahtzee or any games that involve using a dice. Discuss the rules and strategies that you use, explaining to your child what you are doing and why.</p> |
| Additional information | <p>Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. For your information I have put the class email address and the school support email address.</p> <p>Year 6: Year6@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk</p> |
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