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**Year 6 Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready for your final year at St Johns! The class have begun the year with enthusiasm and have already made a super start in their transition to Year Six. I am looking forward to continuing to work hard this year and I am sure it will be full of great achievements and success.

This letter provides a brief outline of the topics we will be studying this term. Please do consider that plans for learning often change as the children may progress at a faster rate or need more consolidation.

**Mathematics**

We have begun the year by revisiting place value in numbers, writing numbers in words, negative numbers, rounding and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. Other topics to follow include: mental calculation strategies, problem solving with four operations, factors, multiples and primes, fractions, percentages, written methods of multiplication, area of parallelograms and triangles, written methods of short division and properties of shape.

**English**

We begin our English learning with the book *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman. We will be looking at the setting and characters and writing diary entries. In guided reading we will be looking at *The Highwayman* and focussing on retrieving and interpreting the language used. Following that, we will be reading the book *Wonder* by R J Palacio in guided reading and linking it in with our fiction writing. Finally we will be looking at report writing based on the text *Spiderwick* by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black

Adult led guided reading sessions take place outside of English lessons and there will also be a weekly lesson focussing on Spelling, grammar and punctuation.

**Science**

This term science will be taught by Ms Bull and the following topics will be covered. Living Things and their Habitats - Classification Connoisseurs and Light - Crime Lab Investigation.

**Topic**

We will be looking at ancient Greece including: who the ancient Greeks were, ancient Greek democracy, ancient Greek Olympics, Greek gods and goddesses, the Trojan war and the battle of marathon.

We link our Art, Design and technology lessons with our topic. This term we will be using clay to make Greek temples and making a Pandora's Box.

**Music**

In music we be learning to listen to and perform the song 'I'll Be There.' We will compose our own music on both tuned and untuned percussion.

**MFL (Modern Foreign Language)**

Ms Bull will continue to teach French. This year the children we learn basic verbs to enable them to write sentences and paragraphs in French. They will also recap all the French learnt throughout KS2.



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**PE**

Mr Baker will continue to lead our PE sessions this year and invasion games are the main focus this term. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school, including a white t-shirt, plain navy blue shorts or jogging trousers, PE socks and sensible trainers. It is important for children to also have a specific jumper for P.E. sessions and should not be wearing school jumpers for these sessions. Children's PE sessions will take place on Thursdays and Fridays with lessons taking place outdoors on Friday. On occasions, P.E. activities may take place on other days, so it is important that P.E. kits are kept in school at all times during the week. If your child is unable to take part in any PE lessons, please write a letter giving the reason.

Ms Bull will be teaching Year 6 on Tuesday mornings. She will be teaching science, French and an English lesson focussing on grammar, spelling and punctuation. Mr Timson will be supporting the learning in Year 6 and will be teaching the children with Miss Bailes on Thursdays.

**Homework**

Children will be expected to complete one piece of homework each week. The homework grids will be given out at the beginning of each half term and will contain a task per each week. These will include a range of subjects. Alongside this, children need to learn and practise their spellings. A list of words will be stuck in their spelling books on a Friday to learn before the test on the following Friday. Times tables practise should be ongoing as we will have weekly tests. It is really important that the children are reading every day and this will be monitored and rewarded in school. Please help by encouraging your child to read and do their homework. When we get nearer to SATS there will be more revision and practise questions as well to prepare and gain confidence.

I would like to thank you in advance for all the support given to your child. This year will be a challenge with high expectations of the children but it will also be a fantastic year full of celebration and achievement. I hope you find this information useful and I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Bailes  
Year 6 class teacher