

Important dates for Year 6:

How can I help at home?

- ✓ Help your child to be organised:
 - Are there any letters for me in your bag?
 - Have you got your Reading Book?
 - Have you got your Reading Record?
 - Have you completed your online homework?
 - Do you have all the equipment you need for the day in your school bag?

St Adrian's Catholic Primary School and Nursery



Year 6 Parent Information Booklet

What your child will be learning about this term and how you can help at home

Autumn Term 2022

English

In the first half-term, our work in English follows the theme of migration and movement. Our learning will be centred on two fantastic books: The wordless 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan and the brilliant 'Rain Player' by David Wisniewski. In the second half-term, the theme of evolution is supported by Martin Jenkins' 'Can We Save the Tiger?' and 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold.

As the children immerse themselves in these books, we will be writing our own extended narratives, letters, diaries, short playscripts and guides, and honing our non-fiction writing skills, to write instructions, posters, newspapers and essays. Throughout all of this, we will be developing our spelling skills and our understanding of grammar and punctuation.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Encourage your child to read daily. Everyone should have two reading books: one drawn from our school reading scheme and one that is your child's own choice. Talk to your child about what they are reading and please do sign their reading record regularly as the children take responsibility for keeping a diary of their reading and writing short reviews of the books they have read.

Support your child to learn their spellings, noticing words that share similar spelling patterns and encouraging them to use new vocabulary in their writing and speech.

Maths

This term, we will be extending our knowledge of number and calculation strategies. As we become fluent mathematicians, our aim is to be able to draw on a range of strategies to effectively calculate, working with numbers to ten million and with decimals, fractions and percentages.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

So much of our maths rests on our confident recall of multiplication and division facts. Please help your children to practise their times tables fluency through Times Tables Rock Stars. There are many other ways in which you can help too, by encouraging your child to read the time on both analogue and digital clocks, solving 'How long until...?' problems and calculating the cost of items when shopping.

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Loving: We learn that it is in the love of a family that Christians first experience the reality of Church. Everyone begins life in a home and family or community of some kind.

Vocation and Commitment: We learn that through Baptism and Confirmation, all Christians are called to share the mission of Jesus.

Expectations: We learn that Advent is a time of joyful expectation, as we prepare to receive Jesus into our lives and to share this gift with others.

Foundation Subjects

Science

Evolution and Inheritance: We will find out more about how living things on earth have changed over time, learning that characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring, We will also learn that variation in offspring over time can make animals more or less able to survive in particular environments.

Living Things and their Habitats: We will learn how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

You could ask your child to explain the investigations that they have carried out and challenge them to apply their learning in an outside setting, e.g. identify examples of predators and prey.

History: World War II – We will learn when the Second World War was, who was involved and what caused it to break out. We will compare life in Nazi Germany compared to Britain, particularly focusing on the life of children and women, and learn about the key events that helped the allies win the war.

Geography: Population: Is the World big enough? – We will learn about the population distribution, both globally and in the UK, and examine the challenges a growing population presents.

Art: We will develop our drawing, painting and printing skills as we examine the work of botanical artists.

Design and Technology: Using our understanding of electrical systems, our challenge is to design and create a steady hand game. We will also select fabrics, use templates, pin, decorate and stitch to create a Christmas decoration.

PE: The children will be learning skills relating to tennis, netball, football and gymnastics.

Music: We will listen to, appraise and compose music inspired by Pharrell Williams' 'Happy' and by Bacharach and Blues music.

Computing: We will learn about using the internet in a way that is both safe a responsible, before creating our own content for a website.

MFL: French: This term in French, we will continue to develop both our spoken French alongside our understanding of French phonics when reading and writing French. Our learning will follow the themes of the months, seasons and the weather, and the language linked to our geographical knowledge.