Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School





Class 6 Autumn 1 2024

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	Homework	Homework is set on a Wednesday and due in the following Wednesday. A homework club will be in place at a lunchtime for the first half term and after school in the second half term if your child struggles to complete homework at home. English: → Reading for at least 10 minutes every night. → Children will be given revision sheets to help consolidate their understanding of Year % grammar expectations. 10 questions to be completed each week. → Individual spellings Maths: • Children will given sheets to practise arithmetic fluency. Dojos will be given when homework is completed, with extra dojos for an early hand in. Establishing good routines this year will really help for when the children go to secondary school next year.			
	Torbay and Devon Civic Award	 This year all of Year 6 will be working towards achieving the Year 6 Civic Award. To achieve the award pupils have to participate in six main areas. These are: Active Citizenship in our school community This could be Peer Mediation, Reading Buddies, School Chaplains, School Council or other positions of trust and responsibility in school. Active Citizenship in your home communities. In the past, pupils have taken part in beach cleans, bulb planting, helping at Brownies /Cubs/sports clubs and looking after people in the community. Pupils may also work with others to organise events in school to support local charities. A physical hobby(ies) and A non-physical hobby (ies) Children should spend about 30 minutes on average a week on their hobbies and one of them needs to be new from the September of Year 6. 4. Residential experience and adventure training This entails sleeping away from home and family and taking part in outdoor 			

challenges.

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5. Children also need to adopt a cause or charity which they feel

strongly about. They need to research it and find ways of

		supporting it. 6. 6. Children need to make a pledge to the planet during the time they are undertaking the award. Children will need to research ways to help save the environment and take action on at least one thing.
	Reading for Pleasure	This half term we will be reading Holes by Louis Sachar LOUIS SACHAR holes holes
	English	For writing, the children will be focusing on Star of Fear, Star of Hope by Jo Hoestlandt. For reading, the children will be focusing on Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. The children will explore the 5 elements of reading Vocabulary, Inferring, Punctuation, Explaining and Summarising. The children will have regular handwriting practice in class each week to ensure they are joining their letters correctly and fluently in year 6. Each week, the children will have spelling lessons to support their understanding of the spelling rules. Alongside this, the children will be focusing on how to spell and use the year 5 and 6 expected spelling word list to ensure they are year 7 ready at the end of the academic year.
2+3=5	Maths	Place Value 10,000,000. In this unit, children extend their knowledge of numbers from within 1,000,000 up to 10,000,000, before they go on to work with the four operations in the next two units. In these units the children will be consolidating their knowledge of the effective written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
	RE	The unit is called 'loving'. The children will experience that 'family' in society today is varied, with many joys and sorrows. Whatever the experience, the family remains the first place for growth and development, the basic social unit. When completed the children will move on to 'vocation and commitment'. The children will reflect on how they are marked by many different experiences of being welcomed into new situations and groups.

	Science	Animals including humans. The children will be learning about the human circulation system. This unit recaps the children's learning from year 4 about how animals survive and stay healthy and helps children learn more about how different organ systems work. This unit teaches the importance of diet, exercise, and lifestyle in how our bodies function. In this unit, they learn about the three main parts of the circulatory system and the heart's job. They also learn about what blood is composed of and how it is transported around the body. Children will investigate to explore how heart rate is affected by exercise.
	History	The first half of this term we will be exploring World War 2, gaining an understanding of how Hitler became the leader for Germany, how the war started and the impact on Great Britain, including local areas.
	Art	The children will be developing their clay skills to shape, form, model and join using malleable and rigid materials – wire, clay and mod rock. This will be taught by Mrs Emmerton on a Friday morning.
	RHE	'Lifestyles'. The children will learn about good physical health and how to recognise illness. The benefits of regular exercise. How exercise benefits mental health too. The children will also learn about drugs and alcohol uses and the dangers of toxic substances.
	PE	Every week, a PE lesson will be held on a Friday by a specialist PE teacher. Each Tuesday , the children will be taught by the class teacher. The focus this half-term is Netball. The children will learn to pass, receive and shoot the ball with increasing control. The children will learn the rules of the game and consistently play honestly and fairly. Make sure / check your child brings in their PE kit each week. Please make sure it is labelled with their name and surname.
	Computing	The children will be discovering the history of Bletchley Park, historical figures, and computer science. They will learn about code-breaking and password hacking as well as decoding messages.
@	Teacher contact:	Class 6 Dojo Page. Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30 am - 3.15 pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office office@olsp.uk during the school day. There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to emails or class dojo messages received after 6 pm or at the weekend.