



ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter: Summer term (first half)



Well done to all our children on completing their SATs before half term! We are so proud of each and every one of you!

We hope you all enjoy your final half term in St. Paul's.

Our learning during this period is based on social justice, with all pupils taking part in a conservation project linked to the work of Chester Zoo in raising awareness about global sustainability issues.



Our Year 6 conservation project is based around the palm oil crisis.

Across the globe, rainforests are being destroyed to produce palm oil to be used in many of the products we consume. Not only is this destroying habitats and endangering species such as tigers and orang-utans, it is also contributing to global warming. Our pupils will be exploring ways in which we can prevent this from happening.

ENGLISH - reading

This half term, we will be reading the brilliant 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell, which also focuses on themes relating to the rainforest.



In reading comprehension sessions, the children will also continue to experience a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, based on a range of subjects relating to the whole curriculum and to special events.

ENGLISH - writing

We base the teaching of our writing on the language and structure found in quality texts.

Persuasive writing:

Revisiting their learning on persuasive writing from across KS2, Year 6 will be creating leaflets informing us about sustainable palm oil and our opportunity to make a positive difference to our world.

Poetry:

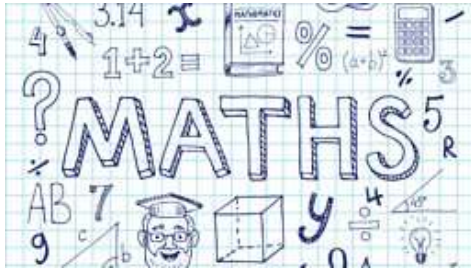
Year 6 will be taking part in a workshop with a visiting poet, using our memories of our journey to primary school to create amazing poems.

GRAMMAR:

We will continue to build on and expand upon the children's knowledge of grammar, looking especially this term at:

- Standard English

As always, we revisit and revise grammar learnt across KS2 in our lessons as well.



This half term we will cover the following topics:

- Problem solving and reasoning tasks based on previous year 6 objectives and consolidation of the year 6 curriculum.

For each topic, we work through the following sequence, encouraging the mastery approach in Maths which helps the children to apply their knowledge:

1. We practise the skill.
2. We complete reasoning and problem solving relating to the skill.

You can view our calculation policy on the school website, which may help you to understand how we teach Maths in school.

<https://www.spcj.co.uk/letters/> We will also complete weekly basic skills sessions, which help the children to practise core mathematical skills

RE



Here are our topics for this half term:

RECONCILIATION:

This topic centres on the sacrament of healing the sick. The children will learn about the biblical basis for healing as well as the liturgical structure of the sacrament. They will also study Lourdes as a place of healing pilgrimage.

COMMON GOOD:

This is a Catholic social teaching unit, where children explore why Christians believe in justice for the good of all and ways in which Christians around the globe work for the common good of all.

PSHE

Journey in love:

Using the recommended Archdiocesan resources, Year 6 will explore what it means to live in loving relationships. They will learn the scientific facts around conception.

Career based learning:

Year 6 will be thinking about the different skills and behaviours that employers look for, linking these to our learning across KS2, helping the children to see purpose behind their learning.



This term, we will be:

Studying **LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS**. We will explore different ways in which scientists classify animals, plants and micro-organisms.

ART

Sculpture techniques

Based on the art of the fabulous sculptor Darrell Wakelam, the children will create howler monkey sculptures, using a range of materials and techniques.



MUSIC

'Palm Oil Conga'

In this unit, the children will learn the structure and patterns of different types of conga music. They will recap on and develop their understanding of rhythm, instrumentation and notation before composing their own conga with a conservation theme.

DT

Complex Electronics

Whilst considering the morality of keeping animals in zoos, the children will explore how animal enclosures can be created in a humane way. They will design their own humane enclosure, using computer aided design and then create a real life circuit that works to keep animals safe and secure.

SPANISH

Our specialist Spanish teacher will be encouraging our pupils to use their conversational skills, continuing to teach pupils about vocabulary and sentence structures relating to ordering food in cafes and restaurants. They will also complete a written Spanish transition booklet to take to KS3.

"Nos gusta aprender español en St Paul's."

PE

Tennis

Our Year 6s will be learning and developing their forehand and backhand techniques, as well as building up their tactical skills and their knowledge of the rules of the game.

Thursday 17th July is our Sports Day and Curriculum Exhibition from 1.30pm. Come and watch us participate in a range of sports on the field before visiting our classroom to see some of our wonderful learning from across the term.

If you have any questions about our curriculum, or any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

The Year 6 teaching team:

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