







CLASS NEWSLETTER: ST. STEPHEN'S CLASS, AUTUMN 2018

WELCOME BACK!

This is our regular termly newsletter hoping to keep you informed about the content of lessons in Year 6. You may find it useful when assisting your child in their homework or when they come home with an awkward question about geometry or prepositions!

<p>HISTORY</p>  <p>We will be studying the Ancient Greek civilisation. Some of the aspects of Greek culture we will look at include: democracy; warfare; beliefs and religious practices.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">RE</p> <p>We will be learning about Creation, Miracles, the Sacrament of the Sick, Advent & Christmas throughout this term. We will also be helping the children to use their God given talents for the good of others around them as well as themselves, a particular focus being the children's Faith Friends and the Christmas Meal for the elderly in the community.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LITERACY</p> <p>We will be reading & writing about classic fiction this term focusing on Fiction and modern authors such as: Philip Pullman and Morris Gleitzman. Literacy homework will mainly consist of regular reading – I suggest 20 – 30 minutes per evening, and an English skills sheet that the children have already received. Any additional reading done at home will improve your child's vocabulary & fluency.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">HOMEWORK</p> <p>Please encourage your child to complete their homework. Most of it will be set on MyMaths or in the homework folder they have been provided with. Each piece should take no longer than half an hour per evening & will help them to consolidate the skills learnt in class. The children can also keep a track of their reading in their diaries, which they will be receiving these shortly.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SCIENCE</p> <p>This term we will be focusing on Forces, Scientists & Inventors. There are lots of websites & YouTube clips on the Internet, if you have access to it, that will help your child's understanding.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY</p> <p>We will be studying cams and moving toys this term during design & technology, so any knowledge of these topics passed onto the children from family members will be of great help.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MUSIC</p> <p>During the term we will be looking at songs using Bon Jovi's 'Livin' On a Prayer & music styles, focusing on jazz.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>We will be doing dance based on the World of Sport. In Games we will be looking at Invasion Games (hockey & football). Also, a reminder that P.E. kits consist of: white T-shirt, white or purple shorts (Games kit can be the children's own choice of sportswear). Please try your best to provide your child with the correct uniform for P.E. & that they remember to bring it in on a Tuesday (P.E.) & Thursday (Games).</p> <p>Homework is to support Wolves!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>	
<p style="text-align: center;">DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</p> <p>Class Assembly: 28/09/18 (9am)</p> <p>Parent Consultation: 25/10/16 (3.15 – 8.30pm)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ICT</p> <p>This term we will be doing work on Digital Film Maker/Presenter; Multimedia Presentation – Film Making & Digital Musicians (Garage band)</p> 	
<p style="text-align: center;">ART</p> <p>The children will be looking at 'objects & meanings' in Art, eventually producing their own still life artwork from collected objects & materials. Any 'still life' sketching or painting done at home by the children, could be displayed in our class art gallery.</p> 		<p style="text-align: center;">Thanks for all your help & support. Any feedback on this letter would be welcome.</p> <p>YOU CAN HELP... 8.45am SODA = Start of Day Activity: please get your child off to a good start by getting them into school for 8.45am. Please regularly check that your child is reading & doing their homework.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr D. Flanagan & St Stephen's Year 6 Class</p>

Homework

ENGLISH

English skills – in Homework Booklets: hand in each Friday (30 minutes)

Reading – as often as possible! At least 30 minutes per evening

MATHS

Maths (MyMaths) (30 minutes)

Maths – in Maths Homework booklet:

Hand in Friday (at the latest!) (60 minutes)

Any other homework your child wishes to do!

	8.45-9.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-11.00	11.00-11.15	11.15-12.15	12.00-1.10	1.10-2.10	2.10-3.10
Monday	SODA	Maths	RE	break	Literacy	lunch	MFL - German	Science
Tuesday	SODA	PE	Maths	break	History	lunch & Guitar Club	Literacy	RE
Wednesday	SODA	Maths	RE	break	Literacy	lunch	Assembly	Spellings/xtables
Thursday	SODA	Maths	ICT	break	Literacy	lunch	Art	Games
Friday	SODA	ASSEMBLY	Handwriting	Maths	break	Literacy	lunch	Science

SODA = Start of Day Activity

Some Year 6 Age Related Expectations

Reading: read with fluency and sustained concentration for at least 15 minutes; make inferences and predictions/opinions with evidence to justify opinions.


Maths: be fluent in the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division); apply arithmetic skills to solve word and reasoning problems.

Writing: write accurately punctuated complex sentences, organised in paragraphs; use powerful verbs/adverbs and expanded noun phrases.

10 Growth Mindset Statements

What can I say to myself?


FIXED MINDSET



INSTEAD OF:

I'm not good at this.
I'm awesome at this.
I give up.
This is too hard.
I can't make this any better.
I just can't do Math.
I made a mistake.
She's so smart. I will never be that smart.
It's good enough.
Plan "A" didn't work.

GROWTH MINDSET



TRY THINKING:

- 1 What am I missing?
- 2 I'm on the right track.
- 3 I'll use some of the strategies we've learned.
- 4 This may take some time and effort.
- 5 I can always improve so I'll keep trying.
- 6 I'm going to train my brain in Math.
- 7 Mistakes help me to learn better.
- 8 I'm going to figure out how she does it.
- 9 Is it really my best work?
- 10 Good thing the alphabet has 25 more letters!

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