



“Created by God to love and learn”

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the last term of the academic year. Hopefully, everyone has had a relaxing and fun time over the half term break and the children are now ready for the learning ahead. This is just a quick letter to clarify some of the routines for term 6 and provide an overview of the learning.

Spellings

Children will be given spellings every week to learn at home and in school. Please support your child by helping them to learn their spellings and encourage them to use the words given to them as often as possible. This could be when they are speaking or when they are writing. Pupils will be given spellings every Friday and tested on them the following Friday.

Homework

Starting again in term 6

Homework will be given out every Friday and needs to be completed by the following Friday. The homework will comprise of one piece of maths work (using the MyMaths online package), learning their spellings and regular (5 times per week) reading. Homework is an important part of learning. Please help your child to become responsible for completing and handing in their work as independently as possible.

PE

All children are expected to join in PE as it helps to develop their fine and gross motor skills. PE days are on Mondays (indoors) and alternate Wednesdays (outdoors). It is expected that children come to school wearing the correct kit, which includes: a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers or daps. When the weather gets colder, a jumper or jogging bottoms will also be allowed.

If your child is physically unable to take an active part in PE, please write a letter to inform us. If this is the case, your child will still be able to join in by watching the other pupils and offering feedback or making notes of the key teaching points.

Drink Bottles

As the weather is getting warmer now than earlier on in the year, we would highly recommend that each child brings in their own 'named' water bottle and not rely on the use of cups in school. All drinks bottles can be 'topped up' using the jugs of water provided in class. The water bottles can then be stored in designated containers in the classroom.

DT

This term pupils will be learning about Greek food and learning how to make pelanos bread, a type of Greek bread eaten during ancient times. They will also make their own butter to accompany the bread.

Physical Education

Pupils will be learning about 'Health and Fitness' using our new online PE resource Real PE. This unit will focus on the importance of a warm up and cool down and how the body changes during a physical activity.

Topic

In term 6, children will continue with their work on the Ancient Greek civilisation. Children will learn about Greek clothing and how it compares to modern clothing, Greek architecture and why buildings were designed how they were and how the Olympics were first celebrated.

English

In term 6, children will be focusing on narrative and non-fiction writing using the stimulus of Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf that is a graphic novel written by David Almond.

Reading

Children are given a reading book to take home and bring back to school every day. The expectation is that the children read every night (or as often as possible). As you listen to your child read, please record any comments in their reading record. All we ask is that you date and record the pages they have read and then sign it. Once they have finished reading it, please encourage/ remind your child to change it. As children get older, they should become more independent and need to take more responsibility for themselves. As a result, it is their responsibility to change their book, at an appropriate time, when they have finished reading it.

Religious Education

In RE this term, pupils will be learning about Sacraments. This unit focusses on what a sacrament is, the names of the seven sacraments and why the Eucharist is important to Catholics. It will also look at various aspect of Mass such as the role of the Reader, the Liturgy of the Word and why people might go to Mass.

Science

In term 6, children will be learning about light and shadows. This include work on how light travels, where does light come from and what causes shadows to be made. It will also look at how to be safe in the sun.

Mathematics

In term 6, children will continue to focus their learning on the key objectives from each strand to help them be ready for the next year. Having lost so much time this (and last) academic year, we will prioritise the main objectives. Once children are secure with these, we will then target the gaps in their learning.

Pupils will also be expected to learn their multiplication facts, which they will be tested on throughout the term. To help the pupils learn their tables, they have them written down in their 'magpie tins' which are now being kept at school. Pupils can then practice them at various point throughout the week.

Music and PSHE

Mrs Colman, our PPA teacher, will be teaching music for term 6. In music, children will be learning how to play the recorder and sing. Like every year, PSHE in term 6 will be RSE (relationship and sex education) unit. All children will be taught the year 2 content and only the year 3 children will be taught the year 3 content.