

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

"Created by God to Love and Learn"



Oak Class

Term 5/6

Mrs Wright

Welcome back to what is always an extremely busy term in schools; especially for those in Year 6. This term will support them in the lead up to their SATs by providing opportunities for them to revisit key concepts in maths, reading and grammar as well as helping them understand how to answer questions.

Spellings

Pupils will continue to be given spellings every Friday to learn at home and in school.

It has come to my attention, as well as other teachers, that pupils are successfully remembering the spellings for their tests but not learning them or trying to use them in their work. To help embed a spelling (or spelling rule), the more times a child uses it, the greater the likelihood they have of truly learning it. Therefore, encourage pupils to use their spellings daily: either in writing or when speaking.

English

This term, in English, the children will be reading a picture book called *The Phone Booth in Mr Hirota's Garden*. This will help us to develop and embed the skills required for the end of Year 6. In particular, we will focus on precise use of vocabulary, using a range of punctuation accurately, cohesion within texts and other elements of the Year 6 grammar curriculum.

Maths

In Maths, we are revising key themes that came up from a practice paper the children sat before the Easter break including: measure (including time), fractions and algebra. Children should be using *Timestables Rockstars* at home to help with their timestables speed - around 80% of questions last year needed a secure tables knowledge. After SATs, we will be pursuing maths in a more investigative way. This will give us opportunities to apply the Year 6 curriculum in different ways.

Reading

Thank you for continuing to support your child with their reading at home. Reading Records will continue to be checked on a Thursday or Friday. Children who read 4 times in a week will be rewarded with a house point at the end of each week.

This term we will also focus on comprehension and Guided Reading. It is essential that the children understand what they are reading and are able to answer questions about the text as well as make simple predictions. The children will read a collection of fiction and non-fiction books during our weekly Guided Reading sessions.

Music

Music will be taught using a music scheme called Charanga. The unit this term is Music and Me. In Term 6, the unit is reflex, rewind and replay.



Art

The children will use a range of mediums to study pieces created by different artists. The children will learn about the artist Comargo and Cezanne.

Topic

During terms 5 and 6, we will be looking at rivers, mountains and coasts. The children will name and locate counties and cities of the UK, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics and land use patterns. They will also look at how some of these aspects have changed over time.

Science

This term, in science, we will focus on electricity. The children will be learning about the importance of circuits and using this knowledge to design their own game.

RE

This term, pupils will be taught units about Easter: where pupils explore in real detail the events of the Easter season. As well as looking at the Christian belief in eternal life.

Sacraments: which builds on all the work undertaken on sacraments in previous years and should enable pupils to explore sacraments at a deeper level. In particular, pupils should understand their own role in the Church as a result and Pentecost: where pupils learn about the sacrament of Confirmation and reflect on the effect of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

PE

We will continue to have PE on Thursday afternoon will a sports coach. We will be covering dance and athletics.

SATS

We are almost there!

This year, SATs are on 9th - 12th May. The children are working really hard and we know they will do their very best. During this week, we will be offering children breakfast in the hall from 8:30 am.