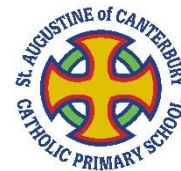


# St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Terms 5 and 6 Willow class Miss Triggs & Mr. Cox

*“Created by God to love and learn”*

Hello Willow class,

Welcome back for the Summer term! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter break. This term will be covered by both Mr. Cox and Miss Triggs who will return on May 13th. During this time, I will be available to contact for any questions or concerns.

## Spellings

Children will be given spellings every week to learn at home and in school. We will be covering spellings in school, but please support your child by helping them practice their spellings at home. It is important for them to be able to use these spellings, so please encourage them to use these words.

Students will be given spellings every Friday and tested on them the following Friday. Please make sure that your child comes to school with their red spelling book on Fridays.

## Homework

Homework will be given out each week, to be completed by the following week. Their homework will comprise of one piece of maths work (which will be set on MyMaths), learning their spellings for their test on Friday and regular (4 times per week at least) reading, please record each time you read with your child in their reading record.

Please encourage your child to complete their homework as independently as possible.

## PE

Willow class PE days are on Tuesdays (indoors) and Wednesdays (outdoors) every week. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit, which includes: the new school yellow PE shirt, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, the new school grey hoodie and trainers or daps. Every child is expected to take part in PE as it helps to improve fine and gross motor skills, as well as develop their social and emotional skills.

If your child is physically unable to take an active part in PE, please write a letter or send an email to the office 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 to their classmates.

## Drink Bottles

Please remember to send your child in with their own drinks bottle, which should be labelled with their name, to use throughout the day. Students will be bringing them home each week to be washed.

### Art and DT

In Art this term the children will focus attention on features of sculptures and 3D shapes. Students will also be looking at abstract standings to recognize characteristics of design from artists such as Anthony Caro. Students will then study Castle key features and design their own recycled Castle.

### Religious Education

This term we will be covering the topic of the Ascension and looking closer at the Holy Trinity. Further, we will learning about early church members living the way Jesus would have wanted and discussing the importance of hymns, prayers and the Eucharist in Mass.

### Physical Education

Pupils will be focussing on gymnastics during their indoor PE session and striking games during their outdoor session. If the weather is wet on the morning of their outdoor session, please wear jogging bottoms and the PE hoodie. Please note that Sports Day is scheduled for the last week of term 5.

### Science

During terms 5 and 6, we will be learning about humans and animals. In class we will be covering the basics diet and nutrition, physical health and hygiene. Moving forward we will be studying the cycle of life to understand that both animals and humans have offspring which then become adults

### Topic

For topic our unit will be covering the Stone Age. Students will start by looking at timeline to understand chronological history of events that happened before, during, and after the Stone Age. Students will then be learning about lifestyles of people during the time period by studying the ways of hunter-gatherers.

### Mathematics

In term 5 and 6 we will be continuing our unit on fractions before we move into the concept of physical money using pounds and pence. After this, students will be learning measurement of time including Roman Numerals. Finally, students will be introduced to geometry and shape.

### English

So far we have been reading The Mousehole Cat by Antonia Barber. We will be continuing to use this text to develop figurative language and use of speech in our Poetry unit. Furthermore, students are learning to focus on using language in descriptions of plot, setting, and characters. As a class we are continuing to put emphasis on creating complex sentences with proper grammar.

### Reading

Regular reading is the best way for your child to become a better reader and to reach a point where they will gladly pick up a book and read for pleasure. Your child has a reading book and reading record which is to be taken home and brought to school each day. It is important that your child reads at home every day if possible, and that they are able to discuss what they have read. There is space in their reading records to write any comments, as well as recording the pages they have read. Once they have finished reading their book, please encourage/ remind your child to change it in school the following day.

### PSHE & Latin

Our names of our PSHE units for terms 5 and 6 are 'Relationships' and 'Changing me'. We will continue with our Latin learning, which the children seem to be really enjoying and engaging well with. This term we will be looking more closely at how to use different verbs.