

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

“Created by God to love and learn”



Term 5/6 Year 1 – Mrs Bartley and Ms Kirby

Welcome back to the final two terms of this academic year. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter with family and friends. We have a busy time ahead with lots to look forward to.

Spellings

I have been very impressed with the progress made with Spellings so far this year. As always, new spellings will be given on Friday and tested the following Friday. Please aim to practise three times using the look-cover-write-check approach. Please make sure red spelling books are brought to school on a Friday.

By July, children will be expected to spell all 45 of the Year 1 Common Exception Words. The children are well on their way to achieving this goal.

English

Our text this term is 'Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion' (an alternative version to the original version). The children will retell the story using actions then in writing. They will be expected to write using a variety of simple and compound sentences as well as a range of punctuation. We hope to have a dress up as a character day to enhance learning in this area. Our poetry Unit will include poems with repeated patterns. In term 6, our text focus will be 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain'. The children will be taught to edit and improve their written work and practice reading aloud.

Reading

This term we will continue to focus on fluency and comprehension skills in guided reading. The children need to be able to sequence events in a story and make inferences from the text as well as read with fluency and expression. It is really important that you hear your children read their school reading book at least four times per week.

Key stage 1



The Year 1 Phonic Screening Check will take place in June. This will assess whether sufficient progress is being made with phonics skills and to ensure children are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and learning. The Oxford Owl is free to join and has plenty of activities for the children to practice before the test in June and we will also be sending home some helpful activities from next week,

Music

Music in term 5 will be based on using your imagination and in Term 6 the unit will be reflect, rewind and replay.



ICT

This term the children are learning what 'Data' is, why it is useful and the different ways it can be gathered and recorded by both humans and computers.

In term 6, the children will be developing photography and image editing skills to capture photos to create an adventure story.

RE

In term 5, the children will cover the unit 'To the end of the Earth. This includes; retelling the accounts of 'The road to Emmaus, the promise of the holy spirit and the Ascension'.

In term 6, they will be covering 'Dialogue and Encounter.'

This unit provides links between Catholicism and other religions and worldwide views.

Art/DT

In term 5 the focus will be Art - Sculpture and 3D paper play. The children will use their paper shaping skills to make an imaginative sculpture.

The DT in term 6 is wheels and axels. There will also be opportunities for outdoor learning in the creation of bird nests.

Maths

The children will work on the following areas in maths;

- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Place Value
- Geometry (Position and direction)
- Money
- Time

We will continue to focus upon Mastering Number in class and simple multiplication facts. My Maths homework will continue to be set every week. Please ensure your child completes this.

Humanities

Our Geography topic this term is the Great Fire of London where the children will learn about the events leading up to the fire, Samuel Peep's diaries and the effect the fire had on London. We will link this topic to areas of creative writing in our English lessons.

PSHE

This term the children will be covering our RSE (relationship and sex education) unit. All children will be taught their age appropriate curriculum content.

Next term they will study 'Changing me'. Each unit builds on what the children were taught in the previous year.

Science

The children will be studying 'plants' through our 'Developing Experts' scheme of work. They will identify common plants and plant a variety of seeds. They will also learn about the differences between different trees and explain how plants change over time.

PE

PE days will be on a Monday and Wednesday. Monday will be Games and Athletics activities outside. Wednesday will be Dance or Gymnastics inside.

During PE, it is expected that children come to school wearing the correct kit, which includes: our yellow school t-shirt, black shorts and trainers or daps. Please can you ensure that your child is not wearing laces unless they are able to fasten them by themselves. We have found that even when a double knot is used, laces are frequently coming undone throughout the day. All children are expected to join in PE as it helps to develop their fine and gross motor skills.

Sports Day is due to take place at the end of Term 5.

Please could each child bring in their own 'named' water bottle which can be 'topped up' using the jugs of water provided in class.