

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Terms 5 and 6

Maple Class

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“Created by God to Love and Learn”



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the last two terms of the academic year. Hopefully, everyone has had a relaxing and fun time over the Easter break and the children are now ready for the learning ahead. This is just a quick letter to clarify some of the routines for terms 5 and 6 and provide an overview of the learning.

Spellings

Children will continue to 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 their spellings in a one-page termly overview at the start of each term and will be tested every Friday.

Homework

Homework has been set for the term. The homework will comprise of one piece of maths work (using the MyMaths online package), learning their spellings and regular (minimum of 4 times per week) reading. Pupils' reading books are needed in class every day for personal reading, book changes and monitoring.

Homework is an important part of learning. Please help your child to become responsible for completing their tasks 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 Tuesdays (indoors) and Wednesdays (outdoors) every week. As previously, children are to come to school wearing their PE kits. Pupils are encouraged to wear the school's PE uniform consisting of a yellow T-shirt and a grey PE hoodie along with black shorts or jogging bottoms. Please make sure that all items are named.

If they are not named, it makes it difficult for the younger children to keep track of their belongings.

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 the session by watching the other pupils and offering feedback or making notes of the key teaching points.

Drink Bottles

Pupils are expected to bring in their own named drinks bottle to use throughout the day. These can then be 'topped up' using the jugs of water provided in class. The water bottles can then be stored in designated containers in the classroom which the children have access to during break times, lunch times and at certain times throughout the school day.

Computing

This term, pupils will be learning how to create, predict and correct algorithms in ICT. Pupils will use Bee-Bots to create and input sequences to solve problems.

Physical Education

In terms 5 and 6, pupils' indoor sessions will focus on dance and another aspect of gymnastics whilst their outdoor sessions, will look at the skills and events of athletics. This will help prepare the pupils for Sports Day towards the end of term 5.

Topic

In term 5, pupils will be learning about how and why the NHS was formed. This will include how medicines have progressed over time as well as human understanding of diseases and vaccines. Then, in term 6, our focus will be exploration. Children will learn about space travel and Neil Armstrong, making comparisons with recent space exploration.

English

In term 5, pupils will be using the text, 'Tom's Magnificent Machines' by Linda Sarah and will create a persuasive poster to advertise a museum. Whilst in term 6, pupils will read, 'Louis Pasteur' from the Little People Dream Big series, as a stimulus for their writing. Both texts will be used for fiction and non-fiction writing.

Amazon Wish List

Thank you also for all the generous donations so far. Each class now has its own wish list. Please click the link below, which will take you to the wish list, then find something you would like to purchase, add it to your basket and follow the same process as if you were ordering something for yourself. The items will be delivered directly to our school and added to the class book corner. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

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Religious Education

In RE over these two terms, pupils will be taught the unit 'Ends of the Earth'. Learning will focus on the Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost. The children will learn about the Acts of the Apostles and how the Holy Spirit helps Christians to develop habits of good behaviour towards themselves and others.

Science

In term 5, we will focus on 'Plants' and plant growth, including the lifecycle of a plant and what plants need to grow and be healthy. In term 6, pupils will revisit learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats', extending this to exploring habitats around the world and how these are changing.

Mathematics

In terms 5 and 6, pupils will continue to focus their learning on the key objectives from each strand to help them be ready for the next year. This will involve teaching the strands that have not been taught yet such as Money, Time and Statistics as well as revisiting the four operations through more complex word problems.

Pupils will also be expected to learn their multiplication facts, which they will be tested on. To help the pupils learn their tables, they have been given their usernames and passwords (and PINs) for Times Tables Rockstars. We use this online package in school and we would encourage its use whenever possible at home.

PSHE and RSE

Term 5 PSHE learning focuses on Relationships with family and friends, including sharing, cooperation and resolving conflict.

PSHE in term 6 will be our RSE (relationship and sex education) unit. All children will be taught their age appropriate curriculum content. Each unit builds on what the children were taught in the previous year.