

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

"Created by God to love and learn"



Term 5 and 6

Oak Class – Mrs Claridge

Welcome Back

I would like to welcome everyone back to what will be a very busy term 5 and 6 in Oak Class. Hoping everyone has had an enjoyable and peaceful Easter holiday and enjoyed some lovely weather too! We have many key dates to note in terms 5 and 6 and I've listed as many as I can below for you to note in your diaries:

Y6 SATS week – Mon 11th May – Thursday 14th May

Bikeability Day 1 – Friday 15th May

Bikeability Day 2 – Monday 18th May

Bikeability Day 3 – Wednesday 20th May

Sports Day – Tuesday 19th May (Reserve Sports Day Thursday 21st)

Y6 Camp @ Grittleton – Mon 8th – Fri 12th June

Y6 Leavers' Mass @ Cathedral – Wednesday 17th June

Leavers' Mass @ St. Augustine's Church – Friday 17th July

We will also be having our annual Year 6 play at the end of the year

(This will most probably take place on the week of 13th July. More details TBC)

Y6 SATS

The Y6 SATs assessments are now just a couple of weeks away and take place from **Monday 11th May until Thursday 14th May**. More details about the timetable of the tests and the 'SATs breakfast' will be communicated separately. Although the children are well prepared for these tests, there may be a few children who feel anxious about them. Please reiterate to your child that there is absolutely no need to worry – we will try our best to make everyone feel calm and to hopefully make it a positive experience. **I always find that biscuits help!**

Reading

Please continue to read with your child and encourage them to read often at home. As we are now nearing the end of your child's primary journey – maybe now is a good opportunity to start exploring wider fiction to get them ready for the demands of Y7 and beyond. Here is a link to some books that have been recommended as suitable reads that you might like to try:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/year-6/>

Amazon wish lists - 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.

Year 6 - <https://amzn.eu/aNavXUg>

English

Our English work continues to be linked to our learning in other subjects and we will continue our daily whole class reading sessions, which has really helped with vocabulary, fluency and enjoyment. We are currently using animated films to inspire our writing and will shortly use the books: **The Man Who Walked Between The Towers** and **The Island**. We will also continue to focus on handwriting this term and encouraging children to have more pride in their written work and ensuring it is neat and well laid out.



Mathematics

In Maths, we will continue to work on solving mental arithmetic problems with speed and accuracy. We'll also look at solving problems in maths and developing more confidence in the subject. As the SATs approach, we are concentrating on more revision in lessons and more support available for children who need a confidence boost.

After the SATs have finished, we'll still be doing our daily maths lessons and continue to work through the Y6 curriculum as well as some transitional tasks to get children ready for Y7.

Science

In science, we will be learning about Electricity and Light, both are quite hands-on practical sessions as we challenge children to make electrical circuits with a purpose.

Music

After SATs, there will be plenty of opportunities for more music, particularly as we begin to rehearse for our leavers' play.

Art/DT

Over the coming terms, we will be linking our DT to science and making intruder alarms. We will also design and make playgrounds.

PSHE

We will spend this term getting children ready for the start of secondary school – getting them in a good headspace for change and to look forward with optimism and positivity! Our topics are 'Changing Me' and 'Relationships'.

Humanities

For the next term, we will be learning about the Transatlantic Slave Trade which had a huge impact on our home city of Bristol and has left a lasting legacy. We'll learn about the trade triangle and how slavery was finally abolished. We will also be focusing on developing mapping skills.

PE

All children are expected to join in PE as it helps to develop fine and gross motor skills as well as improving their mental and physical health.

Our PE days will be **TUESDAYS** and **WEDNESDAYS** this term.

It is expected that children wear the correct kit for every lesson, which includes: yellow St Augustines T-shirt, black shorts and trainers or daps. If they need a jumper then this too must be a school jumper/plain jumpers or the St Augustine's Hoodie.

PE kits need to be worn into school on PE days. Please ensure that if your child wears earrings to school, they are studs and not hoops.

Spellings

We have spent a lot of time focusing on spelling strategies in class as we approach the SATs tests. We will continue to look at the Y5/6 statutory word list and look at some more creative ways to learn tricky words.

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We will be covering the topics Ends of the Earth – which focuses on the Gospels and sacraments.