

# Year 6 Half-Termly Newsletter – Autumn 2

## A Fantastic Start to Year 6!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to everyone who attended our recent parents' evening. It was such a pleasure to share the wonderful progress the children have already made this term. Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the school year, showing great maturity, determination, and a positive attitude to learning. They should all be very proud of their efforts so far!

### Reading – A Continued Focus

It has been brilliant to see the children's enthusiasm for reading, both through Reading Plus and their love of physical books. Many of the children have already made significant progress on the Reading Plus programme, and this is thanks to your continued support at home. Please encourage your child to keep reading regularly - both online and from their chosen books. Reading journals should continue to be signed five times a week, reflecting a mix of Reading Plus and reading for pleasure.

### Maths – Building Fluency

Alongside reading, we are focusing on maintaining fluency in maths through TT Rockstars. Regular short practice sessions at home make a huge difference to confidence and accuracy. Strong times tables knowledge underpins so many other areas of maths, so thank you for supporting this practice.

### PE – Swimming Continues

We will be continuing with swimming lessons for PE next half term. These will take place every Tuesday up until Christmas. Children should come to school in their PE kit and bring their full swimming kit, including a towel, swimwear, goggles, and a swim hat.

### Staffing Update

The Year 6 team this term:

- Mrs Wainwright - Class Teacher
- Miss Hughes / Mrs Corbi - Teaching Assistants
- Mrs Gibson - Covering on Monday and Tuesday afternoons



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The children have already built lovely relationships with Mrs Gibson, and she has quickly become a valued part of our team.

### Trips

You should have received two letters (electronically) for our two different trips this year. Firstly, our trip to the Imperial War Museum in January and our Residential to Great Tower in June. Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible. For the residential, we will hold an information meeting nearer to the time.

### Looking Ahead

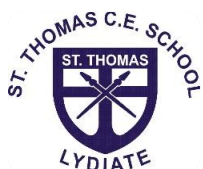
I am really looking forward to another exciting half term with this hardworking and enthusiastic class. As we move towards Christmas, we have lots to look forward to, and I'm sure we'll enjoy a busy and joyful few weeks together. The children bring energy, kindness, and humour to every day-it truly is a pleasure to teach them.

Thank you again for your continued support - it really does make such a difference.

Warm regards,

Mrs Wainwright

Year 6 Class Teacher



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## Year 6 Curriculum Map

In the second autumn term, we will be learning about:

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maths</b></p> <p>In Maths we will mainly be learning about fractions, including simplifying fractions, solving word problems, and adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. We will also be continuing to convert units of measure.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>English</b></p> <p>In English, we are studying a version of Hansel and Gretel, which will enable the children to write descriptive settings and dual narratives.</p> <p>We will also be continuing with our Reading Spine book at the end of the day and reading a novel called Letters from the Lighthouse during Whole Class Guided Reading.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RE</b></p> <p>In RE, our title is 'How do Christians prepare for Christmas?'</p> <p>In this unit, we will be exploring what advent is, when it is and how Christians prepare and celebrate advent in church.</p>                                                                                                                                          |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>History</b></p> <p>In History, we will be learning about The Suffragettes and the campaign for women's suffrage in Britain. We will be looking at democracy during the 19th century and how parties campaigned for women's' rights.</p>                | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Geography</b></p> <p>In Geography, we will be focusing on British geographical issues and how all pollution is harmful to people, plants and animals.</p> <p>We will also study climate change and how this affects places in the UK.</p>                                                                                                          | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Science</b></p> <p>In Science this half term we will be learning all about electricity.</p> <p>We will explore how electricity carries energy, which can be converted to heat and light energy and where electricity comes from. We will also explore how the number of cells affect the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer in a circuit.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PE</b></p> <p>This half term we will be swimming.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art</b></p> <p>We are learning about Art in the Italian Renaissance, including looking at works by Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. The children will be drawing scenes using perspective, creating designs on plaster and using oil pastels to show light and shade.</p>                                                                       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>We will continue to explore our brain before moving onto our 'Celebrate' module which is designed to build self-esteem by teaching children to identify and celebrate their unique character strengths.</p>                                                                                                                               |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Computing</b></p> <p>Webpage creation - the children will be identifying what makes a good webpage and using this information to design and evaluate their own websites.</p>                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DT</b></p> <p>Seasonal Soup - the children will be learning about seasonal vegetables and using this knowledge to plan, make and evaluate a seasonal soup.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                            |