



St. Andrew's CE Primary School Year 6

Happy New Year everyone! We'd like to begin by thanking you all for your very generous Christmas gifts, we are very grateful and appreciative of your kindness.

We are now well under way with the spring term in Year 6 – the first term went by so quickly and we know that this one will be just the same! The children had a fabulous Autumn term impressing us with both their work and their behaviour and we cannot wait to see what this term has in store for us all.

Homework Books

Homework will continue to go home on Mondays and Thursdays. Children should be able to complete these weekly tests independently as the tasks will be reinforcing the learning that they have been doing in class. The questions in both these books replicate the type of questions the children will be asked in their SATs. It is very important the children complete these tests on a weekly basis and to the best of their ability!

Spellings

We will continue to work on spelling patterns and rules in class, but we ask that you continue to encourage your children to use spelling shed on a regular basis to have a go on the variety of spelling games and word lists it has on offer. Although we do not know which words will come up in May, the LKS2 and UKS2 word lists are an excellent starting point. We know from our use of the site in class, the hive game is proving very popular and has spelling practice at the heart of the fun and interactive games and it is an excellent way to solidify children's spelling skills.

Xtables Rockstars

There are a number of children in year six who would really benefit from putting in some extra practice on xtables rock stars. Having quick speed of recall of their times tables is one of the best ways of improving your child's maths ability and confidence. You'll be surprised how many areas of maths need good times tables knowledge and practising a little and often on the app is the best way to improve! Your child should be aiming to complete a minimum of 30 correct questions in a minute! The world record is a staggering 210...yes, two hundred and ten in one minute!

Reading

Could we please ask for your continued support with regard to your child reading at home. We know that the children enjoy reading to themselves but it is still extremely important for you to listen to them read, on a regular basis, in

order for them to develop their comprehension skills, fluency and speed of reading. Children should be reading a minimum of three times a week!

Prefects

It has been great to see all the children performing their prefect duties around school. Every child helps out during one dinnertime every third week and it helps us and the lunchtime supervisors out massively, so thank you children. Other prefect roles have been or will shortly be changing during the course of this half term and we know the new children taking over will do just as good a job!



PE Kits

Please can we remind everyone that the children's PE kit needs to be in school every Friday. This half term we will be doing gymnastics and then a variety of invasion games.

Website

Please keep an eye out on the school website, especially our class page. We update it every half term with some pictures and information about what we've been doing in class. The children's topic homework projects were amazing and you can see some pictures of what they created on our page!

<https://www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk/year-6-6/>

Topics for this term

Below is a general overview of the topics we will be covering this term.

Maths	Algebra, FDP, Measures and Arithmetic
English	Titanium story writing, volcano non-chronological reports and explanation texts.
Science	Living Things + Evolution and Inheritance
Computing	Recording sounds and creating media
RE	Eucharist and Ahimsa. (harmlessness)
Geography	Natural Disasters – Earthquakes and Volcanoes
PE/GAMES	Gymnastics and Invasion games
Art	Sculpture and pencil drawings - Volcanoes

General reminders:

- SATs week begins on Monday 11th May. Please do not book any holidays during this week.
- We are a nut free school, please can you ensure playtime snacks and food inside lunchboxes doesn't contain any nut products.
- We'd like to offer a warm welcome to Miss Roscoe who has joined the St. Andrew's team. She'll be helping out across school but will be spending a lot of time with Y6 assisting in class and running intervention groups!

Thank you for your continued support,
The Year Six Team