

St. Andrew's CE Primary School

Year Six Newsletter



A warm welcome to our Year 6 newsletter! We hope you've had a lovely summer in the sunshine and the children are looking forward to their final year at primary school. The children have all settled into their new classes and it's great to see so many smiley faces. The children are already hard at work and have made an excellent start to their time in year six and we're sure this will continue over the coming year!

We're certainly looking forward to making lots of memories with the children over the next 11 months; memories that will stay with the children for a long time! This Autumn term is full of exciting events such as our trip to Tower Wood, lots of sport, exciting topics and lessons and before we know it, Christmas fun!

Below we have some key bits of information for you and your child regarding the year ahead!

Tower Wood and Assessment meeting

On Monday 14th September we will be holding our assessment and Tower Wood parents' meeting in the school hall at 5.30pm. Any parents who are unable to attend can find the slides from both presentations on the school website here: <https://www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk/presentations-to-parents/>

School Website

Don't forget we have a class page on the school website which will be updating throughout the year! Make sure you check us out in the coming weeks at: <https://www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk/year-6/>

Homework Books and Homework Clinic

The homework books have now been sent out and are all theme based and will link with the learning that is covered in class. We have chosen these books as they are designed to reinforce the learning from class but should not be too time onerous as they are no larger than 10 questions long. If children are stuck with any of the questions then Mr Watson will be holding a homework clinic on Thursday lunchtimes where children can drop into his class to get help with any specific questions that have caused them difficulty. It is important that homework is in class on the days below as we will be discussing answers and methods from part of that day's lesson as well as explaining next week's task. Homework will then be sent out the same day to maximise the time children have to complete their work.

English Homework: Thursday to Thursday

Maths Homework: Monday to Monday

Spellings

The focus during spelling lessons will be on learning rules and spelling patterns that the children will need this year. Spelling Shed will be used in school to reinforce our classroom learning and for assessment, so children are encouraged to use the site at home to practise whenever possible, even though there will not be a weekly spelling test.



Reading

Reading in Year 6 is as just as important as it was in Nursery when children were first learning to read. We expect children to read at least three times a week at home as a minimum. Any child not reading at all during the week will have to miss a playtime to read to one of the Y6 staff members. Rewards are in place for those that read 3x or more a week, (at least once with an adult) to encourage children to read as much as possible. Building your child's reading stamina and fluency will have a massive positive impact on their reading and how they access their SATs, so please try to encourage it at home as much as possible.

Times Table Rockstars

Times tables are at the heart of the majority of maths topics we cover in year six. From finding %, to fractions, to area and volume and many more, having good times tables knowledge and speed of recall is imperative. Those children who find them difficult, or are slow in recalling their tables, definitely need to visit the xtable rockstars app to practice, but it does benefit all children so please once again encourage your child to do so whenever possible.

PE Kits

In Year 6, PE will be every Friday afternoon. Please can children have the correct kit in every week and can we remind you that children should have pumps and not trainers in their PE bag – thank you.

This term's learning

The curriculum in Year 6 is jam-packed and we've already got our teeth into this term's learning! Here's a snippet of what the children will be studying this year:

Maths	Place Value, calculation, ordering numbers, fractions, four operations and arithmetic
English	Jabberwocky, The Day the Crayon's Quit, A Christmas Carol .
Science	Light and how we see Electricity
Computing	Internet safety Multimedia presentations Coding
RE/PSHE	Christianity - If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship? How do Christians prepare for Christmas? Incarnation Islam - What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? Healthy relationships, British values, Protected characteristics
History	The Stone Age
PE/GAMES	Football, Hockey and Dodgeball

Here are the links to the topic knowledge organisers for you. Please try and find time during the term to quiz your child on what they've been learning about throughout the term and the vocabulary they need to remember!

<https://www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk/year-6-1/>



Prefects:

All Year 6 children have been made a prefect and some prefects have already started their new roles and responsibilities. All children are required to do lunch duty one lunchtime every three weeks. Children will also be given further responsibilities throughout the year such as looking after the library, PE cupboard and office monitors to name just a few! Over the next week or two the teachers will be deciding on which four children will become our Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls and we'll update you when the decision has been made. So far there are lots of candidates – we know it's going to be a very difficult decision to make!



Playtime, trips and after school club snacks

We have a number of children within the key stage who have life threatening food allergies – especially to nuts. Food allergies are severe and exposure in any form (skin contact or ingestion) to these substances could result in anaphylaxis, a potentially fatal condition that requires immediate medical attention. For the safety of the pupils we are a **NUT FREE** school. We are asking parents to be conscientious and understanding in their selection of snacks for KS2 children and packed lunches that they bring to school in an attempt to limit the chances of allergic reactions. The same rules apply to any after school clubs or trips that children attend.

We know that many parents like to celebrate birthdays and other occasions with special treats. We encourage parents to celebrate with non-nut based sweets. Any birthday sweets sent in to share with pupils should be pre-packaged and contain an ingredient label. Please give these items to your child's teacher for distribution. Please also instruct your child not to share food with other classmates at playtimes, on trips or after school clubs.

Thank you for your continued support, The Year 6 Team