



Dear Parents,

First of all, I would like to say it is a pleasure to have the opportunity to teach this class for the second year running, and to guide them through their final year at Holy Family. Year 6 is a huge year for the children, so your anticipated support is much appreciated. Please find some important points below to help you settle into Year 6.

### Reading Books

As before, all pupils will be given two school books to read from our reading scheme. Free readers can continue to choose a book from the class library to read. At Year 6, we would like children to read as often as possible, at least **five times** each week. Reading a range of books is **highly** important to improve comprehension in preparation for secondary schools (and SATs). Therefore I'd recommend reading books at home, or even watching science/history videos as well as reading their school books.

All reading must be logged on 'GoRead' along with their feedback, following the questions on their bookmark, this will give them the practice of comprehension while reading. I look forward to discussing their books with them! Please ensure books are handed in on **Thursday** so they can be changed to home the following day. I appreciate many books are several pages long and therefore may be read over a longer period. You can support your child at home by listening to them read, asking them questions (using the bookmark), talking about words they are not sure of, or taking it in turns to read.

Reading regularly is the most important activity they can do to improve in all aspects of school.

### Homework Expectations

#### *Maths*

- Arithmetic homework will be set every day. It must be completed and returned the following day. Not all questions will be covered yet so don't worry if mistakes are made!
- LBQ homework will continue to be set. You must complete the 'Twenty is Plenty' each week (20 questions covering previously learnt content) but there will be other suggested activities throughout the week to complete too, which are optional.
- Regular times table practice on TT rockstars is recommended (but not compulsory), particularly if this is something your child needs to focus on.

#### *Spelling, grammar and punctuation*

- Pupils will be given grammar homework books, in which specific activities will be set. It is your child's responsibility to look after these books. Due to their high cost, you will be required to replace them if they are lost.
- Spelling Shed games will continue this year. Pupils need to complete 7/7 games for that week. There is a spellings SATs test so make sure to get practising! There will also be a grammar activity on Spelling Shed to keep them ticking over.

### PE and Forest Schools

PE will be taught every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** (so same as last year!). Pupils can continue to wear PE kit to school on these days (must be white shorts/ black joggers, trainers, red t-shirts). Forest school will continue to take place every term (it is next week this term!). They may need wellies for this, weather permitting.

Wednesday afternoon continues to be my preparation and planning time. Signature sports will take a PE session during this, and Mrs Cross will cover the other half of the afternoon.

An overview of the year is set out below.

### **Going home**

To assist in safeguarding your children, it is very important that you please make sure that you inform the school by phone/ email, and myself in person (or on Dojo) if your child is allowed to walk home by themselves. If pupils are bringing phones into school, these must be given into me at the beginning of the day to be stored safely.

### **SATS**

SATs are a long way off. I must emphasise that it is important to talk with your child about not being stressed about SATs, it is only a snapshot of their educational life. However, I am aware that many parents will want extra resources in order to prepare their children, as well as information. A separate workshop on SATs, and other Year 6-specific information, will be taking place soon which will give some guidance on this. There will also be a chance to ask questions.

The date for this meeting will be **Tuesday 13<sup>TH</sup> September 3.30pm** in Year 6. It is highly recommended that you (or another family member), and your child attend.

Class information, achievements and celebrations will be continued to be shared on our Class Dojo please, so please keep checking this regularly for messages and updates.

As always, please feel free to speak to me at the door, or contact me on class dojo about anything, no matter how small. Year 6 is a fantastic year, full of lots of opportunities, but it is also a time where pupils are continuing to grow into young adults and all the social and emotional challenges that come with that – my role is to not only teach them, but support them in this development too.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Many thanks,  
Mr. Marshall**

# Yearly Overview

## Year 6 (St. Oscar Romero)



	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
<b>English</b>	Suspense writing Newspaper report Diary War poetry Writing in character Letters Non-chronological report	Biographies Balanced argument Narrative Classic poetry Describing settings Adverts	Creating atmospheres Police report Book reviews Persuasive letters Cinquain poetry
<b>Maths</b>	Place value to 10 million Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division Area and perimeter	Fractions, decimals and percentages Converting measures Geometry Statistics Ratio and Proportion	Identifying structures in equations Solving problems with unknowns Investigations
<b>Science</b>	Blood and Transportation Heart and Health Electricity	Evolution and Inheritance Light	Living things and their habitats Looking after our environment
<b>RE</b>	The Kingdom of God Justice	Exploring the Mass Jesus, the Messiah	The Transforming Spirit Called to Serve
<b>History/Geography</b>	The Impact of War (mainly WW2)	Global Trade	Ancient Greeks
<b>Other events</b>	Trip to Cardiff Castle (to be confirmed) Remembrance Day assembly Christmas Panto	Stations of the Cross assembly (Holy Week)	SATs week Year 6 residential (date tbc) Year 6 production Leaver's Mass