

Where Is God In Our Learning?

In all our subjects this term, we recognise God's presence in the gifts and talents we use each day—whether it's thinking logically in Maths, seeking truth and justice in History, using words with kindness in English, appreciating the wonder of creation in Science, or celebrating different cultures through Spanish. We see God in our responsibility to use technology safely, in the creativity we show in Design Technology, and in the Gospel values that guide us in our choices. As Year 6—the oldest pupils in our school—we understand that these gifts come with the responsibility to lead by example, showing compassion, respect and courage to those around us. In our final Autumn term at All Saints we will strive to uphold the dignity of every person, care for God's creation, and work together for the common good. Through our learning, we grow not only in knowledge, but also in our Faith, service and community as we prepare for Advent.

Our Year 6 Stewardship Mission:

This month's mission, inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, focuses on our responsibility to support those living in poverty. With God at the centre of all we do, the children will reflect on how kindness, generosity, and justice can guide their actions. As the oldest pupils in the school, they will take a lead in planning and organising fundraising activities to provide essential supplies for communities in poorer countries. Through this mission, the children will deepen their understanding of global inequality and recognise the impact their choices can have on others. Together, they will put God's love into action and work to make our world a fairer, more compassionate place.

English

We begin by practising performance poetry in preparation for **All Saints' Poetry Recital on Tuesday 11th November**. We will also write lengthier pieces of writing across the curriculum varying our sentence types and range of punctuation. Our grammar work focuses on the use of determiners and using the active and passive voice. We will also be using hyphens, apostrophes and semi-colons correctly and practising to identify the use of informal and formal language. Handwriting and spelling will be taught discreetly. Each week we will have focussed reading skills lessons honing our literal, deductive and inferential questioning skills. Please continue to read widely at home for pleasure and for practise. Our whole class readers will be **The Last Post** by Keith Campion and **Skellig** by David Almond.

PSHE

The children will understand and plan for a healthy lifestyle. They will know the potential impact of technology on physical and mental health. The children will study how vaccination works and why it is important to individuals and which habits are good and bad for health. The children will be having talks from the School Nursing team about healthy eating.

Music

As well as preparing for Christmas, Year 6 will be learning some songs used to raise morale during wartime.

Science

Our learning on 'Electricity' takes children through lessons where they learn how to: associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit; they learn how to compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches.

History

We are enjoying our topic on *Wars Through Time* and exploring the question: *Is it ever right to fight?* Later this month, we hope to visit Fiona Gardens to interview residents about their Home Front experiences. More information will be sent home soon. The children will develop their chronological understanding of WWI and WWII, focusing on their impact on children. They will learn to select and organise historical information, use different types of evidence to understand life at home, ask historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and make connections with previous events they have studied.

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Maths

Year 6 will continue to consolidate and extend their knowledge of arithmetic and perform quick calculations. They will be solving calculations using written methods for all 4 operations and then applying these methods in reasoning questions. This term, the children will be building their confidence with larger numbers, including understanding place value in numbers up to seven digits and learning how to order and compare numbers up to eight digits. They'll also be practising rounding and using these skills to solve real-life problems. In our shape work, they'll get hands-on with drawing, building and breaking apart different shapes to understand how they fit together.

Computing

Children will refresh their memories about the steps they can take to protect their digital footprint, where to go for help, smart rules and security software. Each child will develop their typing and word processing skills on our new laptops. They will be learning to create, name, move and change the access permissions of folders and include hyperlinks in their work.

Spanish

Year 6 we explore patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words. Year 6 will continue to enjoy sessions with our Foreign Language Assistant, Snr. Lopez on Wednesdays.

PE

Dodgeball and Dance will be taught on a **Wednesday and Thursday** by Mr Bishop. **Please wear suitable PE kits to school on these days.** Woolly hats and gloves might also be wise as the children will be outdoors.

Religion

In this unit, children explore the significant role of women in the Old Testament and the Church, learning how these 'true protagonists of salvation history' helped shape God's plan. They study key Scripture passages, consider their historical and cultural context, and reflect on how Mary fulfils Old Testament promises. They will compare how she is portrayed in Matthew and Luke. Children also learn about the Magnificat, women's religious orders today, and modern women responding to God's call. Throughout the topic, they think about the important women in their own lives and reflect on how, like Mary, their own 'yes' to God can help transform the world around them. The children will also enjoy celebrating their final Christmas at All Saints!