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## YEAR 5/6 INFORMATION LETTER

Welcome to Year 5/6, I hope you had a good summer. This is the start of a very important year for your child whether they are Year 6 and preparing to move on to secondary school, or Year 5 preparing to take on some of the responsibilities of Year 6 - it will be busy for us all, but hopefully very enjoyable and rewarding too! Year 5/6 have lots of exciting activities to look forward to as a class and as separate year groups.

In the following paragraphs, you will find details of the topics and homework for this term so that you can support your child, especially in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science.

Homework will be given out on **Mondays** and needs to be returned completed by the following **Monday**. Homework can be handed in earlier if it has been completed.

There will normally be 2 to 4 pieces of homework each week. Sometimes there could be a longer or extended piece of work which could be equivalent to 2 pieces of work. Guide times will sometimes be included on the weekly homework letter. Year Five children will be expected to spend 1 hour and 15 minutes on their homework and Year Six children 1 hour and 30 minutes each week. Year Six children might have homework which focusses more on revision.

Some activities will be able to be completed on a computer. If your child completes a task on the computer, it can be emailed to the class email address: [year6rm@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk](mailto:year6rm@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk).

### **Reading**

Your child should be reading a variety of texts on a regular basis and, as part of their homework, they will have reading or reading related activities. Please encourage your child to read from a variety of materials including fiction and non-fiction, newspapers, leaflets etc. - Year 5/6 receives a class copy of First News, which is a children's weekly newspaper. Discussing texts with your child is a very valuable activity including asking questions.

### **Spellings**

Spelling words will be sent home regularly and will often have a relevant activity for the children to complete. The children need to learn the words and then spell and use them correctly in their writing. It is important that children can apply their spelling knowledge to their written work. Children need to know all the common exception words for Year 3 and 4 and these are included with this letter, common exception words for Year 5 and 6 will be included in weekly spelling lists.

### **Times Tables and Mental Maths**

It is very important that your child knows all the multiplication and division tables up to 12x12. They need to be able to recall them quickly and accurately and apply them to their work. They need to be able to apply this knowledge to related questions eg if they know 5x6, this will help them when finding 0.5x6, 50x6, 5x60 etc. As a school, we are continuing to focus on children's mental maths and arithmetic skills. See the Maths sheet for ideas to support your child in their learning.

## Topics

The topics in the various subjects will include:

<b>RE</b>	<i>See sheet.</i>
<b>Literacy</b>	Reading and identifying different fiction genres, story writing, e.g. how to plan and write different parts of a good story, looking at the plot, developing characters and settings in a story. Autobiographies and Biographies and Recount Writing. Reading and writing poetry and looking at the language used to create images. Children will also apply their writing skills to other areas of the curriculum.
<b>Maths</b>	We are teaching a mastery approach and three areas will be covered in greater depth. Place value including decimals, Number: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and Fractions, Mental and written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, 2D and 3D shape, fractions and percentages, angles, graphs and tables, measurement - length, area and volume Children need to know all the times tables up to 12 x 12.
<b>Science</b>	Light focusing on how light travels and Electricity focusing on circuits and symbols.
<b>ICT</b>	Internet Safety and Information Models including Excel: This explores the concept of making calculations using formulae & functions. The children will carry 'unplugged' tasks where they explore making calculations without a computer.
<b>Humanities</b>	Our History topic is focused on World War 2 and especially interrogating evidence. In November we will briefly look at World War 1 when we look at Remembrance Sunday. In Geography we will look at mapping and map skills and relative positions of countries.
<b>Art</b>	Drawing Focus - looking at the work of Henry Moore and some of his World War 2 art.
<b>DT</b>	Constructing a framework as a shelter - focus on combining materials to create a shelter
<b>PE</b>	Year 5/6 will have PE with Mr Longman - children should have their trainers and full PE kit in every day, areas covered will be Athletics, Gym, Dance, Netball and Football. Our initial focus is football and netball in preparation for Year 6 participating in a tournament at St Michael's School in October.

Mrs Diaz, Mrs Graham, Mrs Pepper and Mrs Little will also be part of the Year 5/6 team.

I look forward to developing the partnership with you throughout the year.

Miss R M<sup>c</sup>Carthy