



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Year 6 Class Newsletter Summer 2017

Class Teacher: Mr D. Bagwell

Dear Parents

Year 6 are now into our final term; consequently the main aims are to prepare the children for a very smooth transition to Secondary School, as well to ensure that each child has the opportunity to perform to the best of their ability in the SATs. Mr O'Connor and I have been so pleased with their continued efforts and sensible attitude since Christmas which is paying dividends in their attainment.

During SATs week itself (8th-11th May), it is essential that your child attends school every day and that your child arrives at school on time (8.45 am), so that they are settled, calm and ready for a prompt start each day.

It is equally important that the children have plenty of rest/sleep. They have worked extremely hard in their revision lessons, and I am sure that with their positive attitudes they will do their very best.

The booster groups will continue until after SATs as the Writing and Science assessments are not completed until June.

Religious Education: CONFIRMATION

The majority of this term's Religious Education work will be Sacramental preparation for Confirmation. This includes organising Masses involved as well as extensive home and class-based research. Homework will be given for the children to research about their chosen Saint and they will be asked to give some thought as to who their chosen sponsor will be.



Literacy: This term Year 6 will cover a varied programme which will include Reading, Writing, EGPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) and Speaking/Listening. Through Literacy lessons Year 6 will continue to develop writing skills for a range of text types and will be specifically looking at ways of

including more detail, including higher level punctuation, to improve overall writing standards. The EGPS test focuses on the children's ability to use these skills in every piece of written work. It is therefore vital that the pupils write and spell accurately to the best of their ability at all times. In all areas of the curriculum.

This term's literacy unit focuses will be:

- Persuasive writing
- Reports and journalistic writing
- Drama



Maths:

This term Year 6 will continue to develop the pupils' written calculation skills and will teach them to apply their knowledge to SATs style questions. It is essential that the pupils know their times tables, square/prime numbers and equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages thoroughly. Please support your child with all revision. Encourage them to speak up if they have found a question in their revision they do not understand; we will endeavour to go over it with them. Revision sheets will continue to be sent home with each child - please go through these on a regular basis.



Homework

Homework:

As we lead up to SATs week, homework will continue to consist of a past SATs paper for reading and maths. Additional homework will be given throughout the week as required. Along with the daily homework please encourage your child to use the many other activities available online which provide extra revision.

It is also important that your child continues to read daily at home and continues to learn weekly spellings and those from the Year 6 word list.

OTHER CURRICULUM AREAS

To provide quality opportunities we are planning a cross curricular approach during this final term. It is essential that each child is fully prepared for life after Year 6 so please encourage more independence regarding personal organisation. I do appreciate this can be time consuming but it will be beneficial in the long run.

Creative Curriculum

The school theme this term is the 'Environment'. Year 6 will be looking at composing their own Sixties Themed song, with an environmental theme. These lessons will predominantly include practical activities which will be a very welcome relief after all the build up to the SATs.



Science

Science lessons will continue as usual during the term and will focus on:

-Living things and their habitats.



A revision unit of science will be set as homework after SATs week and the children will be formally teacher assessed in this subject; with assessment levels being passed on to Secondary Schools.

Computing

The children will be becoming interface designers and marketers, by creating a video and web copy for a mobile phone app. Safe use of the internet will link well with all our research work. Please continue to be vigilant when your children access the internet.

P.E.

This term children will enjoy learning dance, then they will be working on improving athletics skills. Every child will need a school PE kit - navy shorts, white T-shirt and black pumps.

PSHE - 'Growing Up'

As part of secondary school transition Year 6 will

focus on Puberty & Relationships Education which is specifically tailored to the age, physical and emotional maturity of the children. If parents have any questions about this topic, please do not hesitate to contact me. The lessons are based on an R.E. resource called "All that I am" which focuses on the following areas:

- personal relationships
- peer group relationships/pressure
- self esteem
- use and abuse of everyday substances found in the home, school and environment
- safety education
- decision making skills/healthy choices



Transition This includes a series of group sessions to enable the children to discuss their concerns (if any) about moving to Secondary School.

Summer Uniform: During the summer term, children are reminded that agreed summer uniform should be worn and all children should be well presented.

Details of this can be found on the school's website- www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk

Children can wear a blue school cap when it is sunny and these can be purchased from the school office.

Additionally, please send your child to school with a plastic bottle of water which can be refilled from the water dispenser.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support during this term. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of school life.

Yours sincerely

Mr Bagwell

| Date | SAT Timetable 2017 |
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| Monday 8 th May | Test English Reading Test |
| Tuesday 9 th May | English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling |
| Wednesday 10 th May | Mathematics, Paper 1: Arithmetic Mathematics, Paper 2: Reasoning |
| Thursday 11 th May | Mathematics, Paper 3: Reasoning |