

Diary Dates

14th Sep Y6 Welcome Meeting (6pm)

14th/21st/28th Sep
Forest Schools (am)

26th Sep Safety Zone @ Holme Pierrepont (**am**)

28th Sep European Day of Languages

2nd—4th Oct Briars

17th & 19th Oct
Parents' Evening
(3.30pm-6.30pm)

20th Oct Class Assembly
6T 9.10 **6S** 10am

20th Oct HALF TERM

6th Nov Back to School

10th Nov Remembrance Liturgies 9.30 – **KS2**

24th Nov Y6 Christ the King Mass (9.15)

24th Nov
Frost Fayre (2-4)

6th Dec Y6 Advent Celebration (6pm)

19th Dec
Christmas Dinner

19th Dec Carols Round the Tree (Y6 – 2.15)

20th Dec Carols Round the Tree (Y6 – 2.15)

21st Dec
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Welcome To Year 6!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new Year 6 children, parents and carers. We are determined to make it a wonderful and fulfilling final year at St Edmund Campion, complete with fantastic experiences. We aim to develop the confidence, independence and strength in each child as well as developing the children's well-being and empathy. Whilst we always pride ourselves on our academic achievement, it is the whole child that we are most proud of, giving them all rich opportunities to make that step to Secondary school. The children will be working incredibly hard and will face new challenges to build on their existing knowledge and skills. They will unearth talents they never thought they had which will hopefully round them into increasingly confident, happy and inquisitive young people who are ready to shape their own futures and achieve whatever they wish to achieve. The year 6 team guiding the children through the year are Mr Tuckwell, Mrs Scott-Nelson, Mrs Livesey, Mrs Woolley, Mrs Day and Miss Martin. Even though the children are in set classes, they are likely to be taught by all of the adults at some point over the year.

Curriculum Focus

In **RE**, we will focus on three topics this term: **Loving, Vocations and Advent**. The children will have opportunities to explore the scriptures in depth, which will encourage a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith and other religions. Regular child led class liturgies will encourage children to be independent and focus on what it means to be ourselves as created in God's image. We will explore the importance of vocations within our faith and how we become part of God's family. During Advent, we will be reflecting on the joyful hope for the coming of Jesus.

In **English**, we will be learning and developing a wide range of skills covering a variety of writing styles. Our creative writing will be based on our book for the term, 'Trash' (see overleaf). We will also be using our topic to aid us in writing information texts, explanations, poetry, diaries and letters. In addition to this, we will follow the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar programme for Year 6.

For **Mathematics**, there will be a heavy number and arithmetic focus including developing written calculation strategies for subtraction, addition, division, multiplication, fractions and understanding place value of larger digit numbers. This will support and underpin all of the reasoning and problem solving tasks the children will be expected to tackle.



Communications will be sent via Seesaw either as group or 1-1 messages.

We will encourage the children to post their work to be viewed.



Homework will be set on a **Friday** and collected on the following **Friday**. It may take many different forms. There will usually be a www.myon.co.uk reading project linked to Accelerated Reader. There will be a mixture of spelling, maths, comprehension, projects and topic. It is important that homework is completed as it supports the learning in the classroom. Homework should not be a battle and take hours to complete. Please see the class teacher if any issues arise.

On-line platforms:

TTRockstars

play.ttrockstars.com

MyON



www.myon.co.uk

Accelerated Reader



ukhost-ed60.renlearn.co.uk/2246324/

Spelling Shed

www.spellingshed.com



You never know what you'll find ...

We are really excited that our work through the Autumn Term will be linked to the book, 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan. Based on a dumpsite in Brazil, it follows the lives of 3 young boys who find something that will change their lives and a nation. It is a gripping story that we will guide and support the children through and will allow us to explore poverty, wealth, corruption, morals, justice, choices, love and friendship. Trash allows a strong **Geography** focus, using map skills to focus on South America, exploring life in the favelas and exploring the richness of the rainforest. A **Design and Technology** project will be set, which is very open ended, requiring the children to make something out of 'Trash' which will be showcased during our class assembly (more to follow)

In **Science**, we will be classifying living things, including micro-organisms, and having a first brief look at adaptation. **Computing** will ensure all children are competent in Microsoft Office for the first half term, before moving onto the 'KAPOW' scheme of work which looks exciting.

Art will continue with a South America theme using a variety of mediums such as paint, chalk, clay, papier-mâché and pastels. Mr Duong will deliver our excellent **PE** provision, from Premier Sports. **PE kit should be brought in on a Monday and taken home on Friday**. This year we are looking to add a weekly Drumba session which promises to be very exciting. Mrs White will be providing a 6 week mindfulness block (starting 11th Sep) allowing the children to stay present and maintain a sense of calm, positivity and focus. Mrs Pearce will teach **Music**, both of which will hopefully be incorporated into the class assemblies. Finally, Madame Wilks will, as always, continue with the wonderful **MFL** provision covering both French and German. We are very lucky with the professionals that we have in school, providing a real richness of quality experiences.

Outdoor Learning and Educational Visits

We are delighted that the Briars residential is once again happening. This will be in a months time 2nd – 4th Oct. (Full details to follow shortly) More great outdoor news is that we will be having a 3 week Forest School block, on Thursday mornings in September, at Sharp Hill.