



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy



Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 6, your child's final year of Primary Education and special in many ways.

We hope to make it an enjoyable and exciting time for learning and developing personal social skills.

Our curriculum is full and varied and it is our intention to keep you fully informed of how it is delivered and the topics studied. You are always welcome to discuss any part of school life with us and if you have any concerns we will always be willing to help.

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics:

We revisit and develop further skills and strategies to use in:

Place value, ordering & rounding
Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
Fractions, percentages and decimals
Geometry (angles, areas, perimeters, properties of shapes and symmetry)
Measures
Statistics (handling of data)
Please continue to support your child in encouraging them to learn multiplication tables. Also ensure that they complete homework tasks.

English:

In English we explore the following genres:

Non Fiction:
Letter writing, formal & informal
Fiction: Letters from a Lighthouse
Extended Narrative
Public Speaking (Explanation)
Personification Poetry: Flanders Fields
Persuasive Writing: Recruitment Speeches
Flashback Story: Recount

Science:

Science units of work involve methods of enquiry and investigation. Scientific facts are taught, but more importantly, they are used to further learning and understanding. The aim is to develop an enquiring mind and the skills and techniques to find the answers to questions in a reliable and systematic way.

The main units this term are:

Evolution & Inheritance
You can help your child by discussing inherited features and characteristics and supporting them with the occasional homework task.

Computing:

Y6 are timetabled to use the ICT suite on Thursday afternoons. This term we will be studying advanced digital art in Photoshop and computer aided design.

R.E:

This half-term, Year 6 will be thinking about the theme of Journeys and considering the question: 'How is life like a journey?' It would be helpful if you could discuss significant events and dates personal to your child to help them complete a time line of their life journey so far.

Music:

Music will be linked to the Year 6 topic of World War 2, learning songs and composing music around the historical period.

PE: Topics this term will include Invasion games followed by Volleyball.

Autumn Term Focus Theme:

Wigan at War

Following on from our history workshop, the children will continue to explore WW2 and in particular the impact it had on the people living in the area of Wigan. Should you have any knowledge, artefacts or family memories about WW2 we would be delighted to hear from you.

Focus Reading Text:

Letters from the Lighthouse—Emma Carroll

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

Recommended Websites:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Britain.html>
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/world-war-two>

Home Learning:

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/ comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. These books are intended as 'home' readers as the children read a separate text in their English lessons.

Spellings. A spelling list will be given to children every Monday. Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Monday.

English Homework. A piece of English homework will be given out every Monday and should be returned to school by the following Monday. This may be handed in before then.

Maths Homework. A piece of Maths homework will be given out every Friday and should be returned to school by the following Friday.

Times Table Challenge: Children will be given a half termly times table challenge, where they can achieve a range of awards.

Topic Homework: Children may also be given other types of homework during the course of the year.

A message from the PTFA...

The PTFA would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment. The Summer Term was extremely successful with a wide range of events raising money to purchase new resources and support school events, which all impact on the children's education. The PTFA AGM will take place on 23.9.19 at 6pm with new members welcome. Leah Edwards (Chair)



Autumn Term 2019 Diary Dates:



Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat

Friday 13th September	Whole School Wellbeing Day
Friday 13th September	Reception Meeting for Parents, 2.45—3.15pm
Monday 16th September	'Time Travel Education' company visit to Y6
Monday 23rd September	PTFA AGM at School, 6pm
Friday 27th September	Harvest Festival at Church, KS1 9.30am and KS2 10.30am, Parents/Carers welcome
Tuesday 1st October	Parents Evening, 3.30—5.30pm
Thursday 10th October	Parents Evening, 6—8pm
Friday 11th October	PTFA Family Night—details to follow
w/c 14th October	Whole School Theme Week 'Global Neighbours'
Monday 14th October	'Joy' Exhibition in partnership with Wigan Hospice at The Oak Centre
Tuesday 15th October	School photographs—individual and family
Thursday 17th October	School closes for half term.
Monday 28th October	School reopens for Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 6th November	Open Afternoon and Evening for new starters
Friday 29th November	PTFA and School Christmas Fair—Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 5th December	Christingle Service at Church, 6pm
Friday 6th December	PTFA Christmas Disco for Y3/4 and Y5/6
Thursday 12th December	Y6 Curriculum Presentation
Thursday 19th December	Carol Service at Church, KS1 9.30am and KS2 1.45pm— Parents/carers welcome
Thursday 19th December	School closes for Christmas

Additional Information:

Playground Equipment and Games: Children **are not** allowed to use any of the playground equipment or bring in balls to play with before and after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons.

PE: PE lessons will take place on Fridays. Children will be expected to wear PE kit, consisting of a sky blue T-shirt, navy or black shorts and a pair of black pumps or trainers. These should be kept in a draw string bag. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit on their PE days.

Swimming: During the Autumn Term, Year 6 will have swimming lessons on Wednesdays, as part of the PE Curriculum. Children will be expected to bring a towel, swimwear (costume or trunks/shorts), goggles (optional) and a swimming cap (long hair only). These should be kept in a drawstring bag and all items should be labelled.

Extra Curricular Activities: During the Autumn term, there will be a wide range of extra curricular activities for your child to attend. Letters will be sent out with information about how you can access these clubs.

Handwriting Pens: Teachers will issue a 'Pen Licence' if and when your child is ready to make the transition from pencil to pen.

Parent Drop In: Parent drop in sessions will take place every Tuesday during the Autumn Term with Mrs Newman (Assistant Headteacher & Inclusion Manager) and Mrs Saggerson (Learning Mentor) for parents/carers who require support on SEND and pastoral issues. The drop in will be from 9.00am –9.30am in the KS2 Library and access will be through the main doors of the Cedar Building (KS2). Please sign in at the school office first.

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for permit-holders only between 7am and 4.30pm. This is for health and safety reasons while there are parking restrictions due to construction work.

Reminders:

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's attendance. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the office staff. School doors open at 8.50am. Registration commences at 8.55am and closes at 9.00am. Children arriving after 9.00am must report to the office before arriving at their classroom. Attendance certificates will be awarded for children with 100% attendance during the Summer Term and full year.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct academy uniform and look smart. This includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g. sky blue, navy, grey or black.

Water bottles: Children are encouraged to drink **water** during the day to keep them hydrated. They may bring in a water bottle (preferably clear) with their name labelled on it. They should take it home regularly to be washed. Children can refill bottles in school.

Snacks: Children may bring in a snack of either **toast** or a **piece of fruit** for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal or fruit bars **are not** permitted at playtime.

Jewellery: For health and safety reasons, children **are not** permitted to wear any jewellery, including earrings.



Thank you for your support. We look forward to an exciting year!
 Year 6 Team: Mrs. Prentki (Assistant Headteacher and Upper Key Stage Leader)
 Mrs. Broome
 Mrs. Cunliffe
 Miss Diamond
 Mrs. Forrester (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)