



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome back! We trust that you had a restful and peaceful break and would all like to take this opportunity to thank you kindly for all your cards, gifts and well wishes.

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
Geometry
Measures
Fractions
Multiplication & Division

Please continue to support your child in encouraging them to revise all the multiplication tables, particularly in the run up to SATs.

English: In English we explore the following genres:
Fiction:

The Explorer—Katherine Rundell

Non Fiction:

Biographies
Non chronological reports

Science: We will explore the theme of light and how we see things before building and developing our knowledge of living things and their habitats.

Computing: In Computing the children will be studying computing principles using Scratch. This can be downloaded for free at home should the children wish to extend their knowledge.

Religious Education: During RE lessons, the children will be studying the theme of The Exodus and The Eucharist.

Topic: We will begin our exciting topic about The Rainforest, looking at the different layers, animals and topical issues, such as sustainability. We will be visiting Chester Zoo to enhance learning about the diverse biome.

Music: Year 6 will be learning about the composer Richard Wagner and studying his Ring Cycle. After half-term the children will be learning to play Blues Music and understand its structure.

Physical Education: This term, children will cover the topics Sportshall Athletics and yoga. The first Intra School Sport challenge this term will be the Speedbounce challenge. The second half-term's challenge will be the 'Throw-Wall-Catch challenge.

Art and Design: We will learn about Henri Rousseau and his rainforest paintings and produce our own art work in the style of this artist.

Spring Term Focus Theme:

'Remarkable Rainforests'

Focus Reading Text:

'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell

Recommended Websites:

www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/
<https://trockstars.com/>
<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE
@StWilfridsMusic
@StWilfridsSport

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.

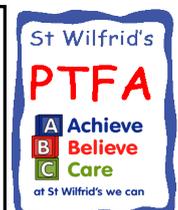
Maths Homework. A piece of Maths homework will be given out every Friday and should be returned to school by the following Friday.

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...

"We have had a fantastic Autumn Term and have raised lots of funds that our children will be able to take advantage of throughout the year. All of our Christmas events were very popular and the Christmas Fair saw it's highest profit to date. I would like to thank all parents and carers who have shown their support for all of our events, as well as school staff and the PTFA team for their continued commitment. We look forward to the next term of activities and events and would welcome new members to join us." Katie Ashcroft (Chair)



Spring Term 2020 Diary Dates:

| | | Month | | | | | | |
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| | | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
| Thursday 9th January | Year 5 Educational Visit to Cuerden Valley Park | | | | | | | |
| Friday 10th January | Wellbeing Themed Day—Humility | | | | | | | |
| Tuesday 11th February | Safer Internet Day | | | | | | | |
| Monday 13th January | Year 5 Educational Visit to Cuerden Valley Park | | | | | | | |
| Wednesday 15th January | Year 4 'Bright Sparks' Electricity Day | | | | | | | |
| Thursday 16th January | Year 4 'Bright Sparks' Electricity Day | | | | | | | |
| Tuesday 21st January | Year 3 Educational Visit to Liverpool World Museum | | | | | | | |
| Wednesday 22nd January | Year 2 Educational Visit to Manchester Science Museum | | | | | | | |
| Thursday 23rd January | Year 4 'Bright Sparks' Electricity Day | | | | | | | |
| w/c 3rd February | Children's Mental Health Week 2020—Find Your Brave! | | | | | | | |
| Monday 3rd February | Year 5 Enrichment Experience to Chill Factor, Manchester (details to follow) | | | | | | | |
| 4th—7th February | One Day Creation Online Safety Workshops to all classes | | | | | | | |
| Monday 10th February | Year 6 Educational Visit to Chester Zoo | | | | | | | |
| Friday 14th February | School closes for half term | | | | | | | |
| Monday 24th February | School reopens for Spring Term 2 | | | | | | | |
| Monday 24th February | Year 6 Confirmation Service at St. Wilfrid's Church at 7pm | | | | | | | |
| Wednesday 26th February | KS2 Ash Wednesday Service at Church at 2.30pm | | | | | | | |
| Thursday 5th March | World Book Day—details to follow | | | | | | | |
| Thursday 12th March | Parents' Evening 6.00—8.00pm | | | | | | | |
| Tuesday 17th March | Parents' Evening 3.30—5.30pm | | | | | | | |
| Friday 20th March | KS1 Mothers' Day Service at Church 9.30am | | | | | | | |
| Friday 3rd April | Palm Praise Service at Church—KS1 9.30am and KS2 10.30am | | | | | | | |
| Friday 3rd April | School closes at end of day for Easter Holiday | | | | | | | |



Advance Notice (after Easter Holiday): Friday 24th April—Easter Praise Service at Church KS1 9.30am and KS2 10.30am

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 Friday. 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. 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 Spring Term, Year 6 will have swimming lessons on Wednesday 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 Spring 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 Spring 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.

Reminders:

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's education. 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 Spring Term and full year.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school uniform and look smart, which 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 continued support. Year 6 Team:

Mrs. Broome

Y6BC

Mrs. Cunliffe

Y6BC

Mrs. Prentki

Y6P

Miss Diamond

Y6D

Mrs. Forrester

Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs. Saggerson

Learning Mentor