



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



Spring Term 2022 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a very happy New Year!

Year 6 Team: Mrs Barrow, Mrs Broome, Miss Cowburn, Mrs Cunliffe, Mrs Forrester and Mrs Prentki
Upper Key Stage 2 Phase Leader: Mrs Prentki

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

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

Fractions, percentages and decimals

Geometry (Angles, 2D/3D shapes and circles, Position and Direction)

Measures (Area, Perimeter and Volume)

Algebra

Statistics (handling of data)

English: In English, we will explore the following genres:

Literacy Description- Portrayal of Scrooge

Flashback - The Explorer

Biography of Percy Fawcett

Non-chronological report - Rainforest animal

Religious Education: During RE lessons this term, the children will be studying the theme of The Exodus, The Eucharist and Who/ Was Jesus.

Science: This term, we will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance. Children will explore questions such as: Why are my eyes blue?

Computing: During this term, children will create a video to attach to their final website, using their plan and logo from the Autumn term.

Topic: During the Spring term, 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 this 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 Sports hall Athletics, gymnastics and yoga. The first Intra School Sport challenge this term will be the Speed bounce 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.

Design and Technology: During Spring Term, children will apply computing to program, monitor and control products.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): Year 6 will be learning about relationships and respecting themselves and others and we will look at people living in the wider world and their communities.

French: In French, we will be continuing to learn about food and drink, leisure activities and developing children's knowledge and vocabulary of the French language and culture.

Spring Term Focus Theme: Remarkable Rainforests

Focus Reading Text: The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Recommended Websites:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geo/physical-geography/15-cool-things-about-rainforests/>

<https://rainforests.mongabay.com/kids/>

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

Home Learning: All home learning is now set via Purple Mash. Please make sure that your child checks 2email in Purple Mash for information about home learning.

Spellings: Children will be given a spelling list every Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents/Carers are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure.

We ask parents/carers to sign and date reading records every time you hear your child read (we expect a minimum of **four** 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. Reading records must be brought into school on your child's allocated day, for teachers to monitor.

Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book and library book once a week on an allocated library afternoon.

Year 6 library day is on a Friday—Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and library book on this day if they wish to change it.

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high-quality texts in class, including 'Reading for Pleasure' books, and 'Related Reads', which are linked to their focus theme.

Please also visit our website to view our 'Reading Round-Up', 'Author of the Month', 'Reading Challenges', 'Reading Wall of Fame', 'Reading Rabbits' and 'Patron of Reading'.

Anything that you would like to share and celebrate with school, regarding reading, can be emailed to reading@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Maths: Children in Year 1 to 6 have got access to **TT Rockstars**, a maths programme focusing on multiplication tables [link](#) Please encourage your child to this online programme on a regular basis. If you do not know your child's username and password please contact helpdesk@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Spring Term 2022 Diary Dates:



Wednesday 5th January	School opens for Spring Term 1
Friday 7th January	Non-Uniform Day for Perryn House Point Winners
Friday 28th January	Non-Uniform Day for January birthdays
Saturday 5th February	Launch of 'Saturday at 4' worship at St. Wilfrid's Church
Friday 18th February	Non-Uniform Day for February birthdays
Friday 18th February	School closes for Half Term
Monday 28th February	School reopens for Spring Term 2
Friday 25th March	Non-Uniform Day for March birthdays
Friday 1st April	School closes for Easter holiday

Parents' Evening TBC

Spring Term 2022 Worship Themes:

w/c 4.1.22	Epiphany
w/c 10.1.22	Fair
w/c 17.1.22	Unity
w/c 24.1.22	Special People in History and their Christian Faith
w/c 31.1.22	How do we see Jesus in other people?
w/c 7.2.22	Kindness
w/c 14.2.22	Love
w/c 28.2.22	Lent
w/c 9.3.22	Serving
w/c 14.3.22	Peoples of the World- living life as a Christian
w/c 21.3.22	How do we praise God?
w/c 28.3.22	Palm Praise

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 or after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons. Children must not enter the school car park or climb on the blue railings.

PE Uniform: PE lessons will take place on Thursday. Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper or cardigan, and navy/black shorts, or navy/black leggings, or navy/black joggers, and a pair of dark-coloured trainers (no bright colours please). Children are also encouraged to bring a rainproof jacket for outdoor use in inclement weather.

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

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for permit-holders only between 7am and 4.30pm.

Pets: Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

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. If your child has COVID-19 symptoms (new or continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste or sense of smell) they must self-isolate and arrange a PCR test. Please inform school immediately of the result.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school 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 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. Long hair should be tied back.

Earrings: Children are not permitted to wear earrings in school. This is for health and safety reasons.

Water bottles: Children are encouraged to drink water during the school 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. Please be aware that there are children in school with nut allergies. Therefore, can you please ensure that your child does not bring any items containing nuts into school as part of their packed lunch or snack. Please note that this may include some cereal bars.

Birthday Celebrations: We will continue to invite children to wear non-uniform on the last Friday of the month of their birthday. As restrictions have now been lifted for parties, children will not be required to bring in a party snack.