

Year 6 Update – Friday 8th September

Welcome to our first Year 6 update of the new school year; we hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer and that your child is looking forward to their final year at St Anthony's.

The weekly update aims to provide you with important information regarding your child's education and we hope you find it useful.

Over the last week, as well as the curriculum work we have covered below we have spent time reinforcing the expectations of Year 6 and the extra responsibilities that come with being the oldest children in the school. We hope this is something that the children will thrive on and ensure that their time in Year 6 is a memorable one.

Religious Education

This week in R.E we have been exploring the nature of love. As a class we have discussed the different ways that we can show love to one another and the children thought of some lovely ideas. We have completed some writing and drawing about what we think love is. Next week in our R.E lessons we will be moving on to thinking about God's unconditional love for us. We will be exploring different scripture and identifying some of the difficulties that we go through in life and how God is always there to guide us and help us.

Mathematics

We have carried out start of year assessments to give us an idea of where the children are and to inform our planning to meet their individual needs.

Pre-learning

Next week, we will be working on place value as well as reading and writing numbers up to 10,000,000.

English

We have carried out start of the year assessments to give us an idea of where the children are and to inform our planning to meet their individual needs.

Pre-learning: Next week will be starting a topic of work which uses the 'Arthur Spiderwick Field Study Guide to the Fantastical World Around You' from the Spiderwick Chronicles series as its inspiration. Through this text the children will be writing (among other genres)

reports based on the different creatures that appear in this guide. The first creature the children will encounter is the cockatrice; you can find some information about it below:

<https://spiderwick.fandom.com/wiki/Cockatrice>

Science

This week we looked at the main functions of the circulatory system. We wrote about the roles of the heart, lungs and the blood vessels.

Vocabulary

Heart, lungs, arteries, veins, blood vessels, capillaries, oxygen, carbon dioxide

Pre-Learning

Next week, we will be looking in more detail at the functions of the circulatory system.

Humanities

In Geography this week we have been learning about how different types of mountains form and how tectonic plates play a part in this process. The children have learnt lots of new vocabulary this week.

Vocabulary

Tectonic plates, fold mountain, fault-block mountain, volcanic mountain, dome mountain, plateau mountain, magma, lava

Pre-learning:

Next week the children will be learning about different famous mountain ranges and they will be able to classify them according to how they were formed.

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/mountains/types.htm>

Homework

This week for homework the children have been given a hard copy of their task. This will usually be uploaded onto Microsoft Teams each Friday.

For homework this week the children have been asked to create a fact file based on their House Saint (Saint Kizito, Saint Hildegard, Saint John Paul or Saint Teresa) They have each been given a piece of plain paper to create their fact file on and some ideas for research to help them.

This homework is due: Wednesday 13th September.

Theatre Trip

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children have very kindly been invited to St. Michaels and All Angles Church next Tuesday 12th September to watch a performance of 'Pinocchio' by an Australian theatre group. This is free of charge, and we will walk to and from the church. We have been invited as we have a connection with this church as our Stations of the Cross Year 5 retreat day is held there each year during Lent.

Positive Minds

On Thursday 21st September our colleagues from *Watford Football Club Positive Minds* will be joining us to begin a series of lessons over the course of 10 weeks to learn about different aspects of modern life such as, social media, peer relationships and self-image. These lessons were extremely popular last year and we are looking forward to working with them again.

School Council

We talked to the children about the school council this week and those who wanted to be considered for election were given an application form on which they need to write the reasons why they feel they would make a good school councillor. The candidates will read out their speeches next week and we will elect our new school representatives.

Swimming (Year 6 Padua Only)

Year 6 Padua will start their swimming sessions on Monday 18th September. Swimming is a statutory part of the PE curriculum so they will need their swimming kits every Monday.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

The Year 6 Team

Our Weekly Mission



Five ways to Wellbeing

GIVE

This Sunday is Education Sunday. Write a prayer to celebrate your class or your school. Think about all the things that make being in your class or school a positive experience.

