

Year 6 Update – Friday 12th 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

- The children started a new topic this week: Creation and Covenant
- They have examined the second creation story from the book of Genesis and discussed the symbolism within this story and the meaning of it.

Vocabulary: covenant, Genesis, creation, symbolism

Pre-learning

- Next week we will continue to focus on the imagery from the second creation story.

Mathematics

- We have looked at place value this week and specifically reading and writing numbers up to a million, regrouping numbers and ordering and comparing whole numbers and decimals.

Vocabulary: tens, hundreds, thousands, ten thousands, hundred thousands, millions

Pre-learning

- Next week the children will be looking at negative numbers and rounding whole numbers and decimals.

English

- We started a mystery and suspense topic based on the book, 'Night of the Gargoyles'
- We discussed the themes and emotions that the author's vocabulary choices create.
- The children have been writing short paragraphs of description where they have been considering how their word choices affect the atmosphere of their writing.

Vocabulary: word choices, themes, atmosphere, relative clauses, expanded noun phrases

Pre-learning

- Next the children will write an extended piece of setting description using the ideas from this week.

History

- The children will be using historical enquiry to answer the question, 'How did the discovery of a pile of dragon bones help to solve an Ancient Chinese mystery.'
- They analysed and interpreted some hieroglyphics that were printed on series of bones found in 1899 by Wang Yirong.

Vocabulary: mythical, dynasty, hieroglyphics

Pre-learning

- Next week the children will investigate what these engravings tell us about the beliefs of the Shang people.

Homework

- This will usually be set on a Friday and consist of a spelling activity, an English or Maths task and on some occasions a foundation subject activity.
- There is no homework this week.

KS2 Captain and Vice-Captain Elections

- Year 5 and Year 6 voted for the house captains and vice-captains this week.
- The results will be announced next week.

Spare Clothes

- Please ensure children have spare outdoor clothes for lunchtime football.

School Journey 2026

- The children received a letter today regarding the visit to the Isle of Wight; please could you fill in and return the form by Friday 19th September.

Snow White Production

- On Monday, Year 6 will be walking to St Michael's Church in West Watford to watch a special production of Snow White performed by students from Wesley College in Melbourne who are currently touring the UK.

Kind regards

The Year 6 Team

