

Year 6 Update – Friday 20th March 2026

This week Year 6 have been busy continuing with their SATs preparation and have completed the 2019 past papers. We have been impressed with how hard the children have been working to improve different aspects of arithmetic, reasoning, grammar or reading. They are approaching the tests in a positive manner which will give them confidence for when they sit their actual exams in May. Keep up the hard work Year 6.

Religious Education

- This week we started our Lenten topic, 'From Desert to Garden' and looked at the story of Mary anointing Jesus at Bethany.
- We discussed the key events from this story and the children wrote about their findings.

Charity Walk for the Catholic Children's Society

- Next Friday, the last day of term, the children will take part in a charity walk to raise money for the Catholic Children's Society.
- The Chaplaincy Team will lead an assembly next week to speak about the work of this charity.
- The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) is one of the oldest UK charities (founded 1859), helping disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire, and the South East.
- They provide crisis funds, counselling in schools, family support, post-adoption care and early help to build resilience – for children of all faiths and none.
- Our charity walk will raise money for CCS to support vulnerable children facing poverty, mental health struggles or family crises.
- It's a perfect Lenten act of almsgiving, showing God's love through our steps and generosity.
- Please donate through the School Gateway. Thank you!

English

- The children also completed the 2019 reading assessment and we talked about the importance of being clear and concise when answering these questions.
- The children also completed the 2019 SPAG test and we discussed how this test is like arithmetic in that we know exactly the types of questions that will come up e.g. determiners, adverbs, active and passive voice, subordinate clauses etc.
- Remember that Grammar Monster is a great site for children to use to consolidate these terms.

Pre-learning

- Next week we will continue with our grammar revision and will be revisiting some of the key concepts that children are struggling with.

- The children will also start to create and write about their own creature in the style of Arthur Spiderwick’s entries in his field guide – this will be an extended project that will continue after Easter.

Mathematics

- This week, the children completed the 2019 Mathematics SATs reasoning papers and looked in depth at some of these questions.
- We discussed how the children will never be asked to complete a complicated sum to get the answer they just need to be able to apply their mathematical knowledge in a systematic and efficient way.
- Here is an example of some of the questions we looked at this week:

A machine pours 250 millilitres of juice every 4 seconds.

How many **litres** of juice does the machine pour every **minute**?



Jack buys $1\frac{1}{2}$ kg of potatoes and $\frac{1}{2}$ kg of carrots.

How much **change** does he get from **£5**?

- We also recapped how to use a protractor to measure angles and the children demonstrated a good understanding of this.
- The revision booklet that was handed out during the Year 6 meeting at the start of the year is very useful for recapping many of the key concepts.
- Please let us know if you require another copy.

Pre-learning

- Next week we will be looking at algebra.

Online Maths SATS Topic Assessments

- Please remind your child that they can access a wide range of reasoning questions at Maths.co.uk.
- They only need to complete a couple of questions a day to gain a wealth of experience for the SATs in May.
- If your child has forgotten their login details, please let us know.

Mobile Phones

- If your child has been given permission by the school to bring a mobile phone to school, it is imperative that it remains switched off while on school premises.
- If a child switches on or uses their phone on school premises they will no longer be allowed to bring it to school in accordance with our mobile phone policy.

Other Information

- Year 6 swimming lessons on Monday 23rd March.
- Year 6 maths booster class on Monday 23rd March.
- Y5 & 6 football club on Tuesday 24th March.
- School closes at 1:30pm on Friday 27th March

We hope you have a lovely weekend

Kind regards

The Year 6 Team