



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

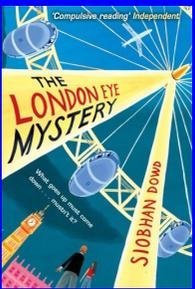
"Where everyone is special"

Welcome to Year Six
Autumn Term 2 2021
What is happening this half term?

YEAR SIX CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

The information below includes all the details of our curriculum and calendar. In Year Six, the children spend some of every day working on Literacy and Numeracy, and they read daily. Reading is a huge part of what we do to grow into successful, happy adults, and we expect that the children read at home at least three times a week, for thirty minutes. We continue to study a full curriculum, and work hard in all that we do. Read on to discover what we will be learning about this half term.

English



This half term, as part of our study of London, we will be reading 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan O'Dowd. We will be writing newspaper articles, learning about formal and informal language, writing information texts, and writing letters. In our reading, we will also read 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens, focusing on building our ability to justify our answers, and broaden our language by reading a text from our Literary heritage. We will continue to study different spelling patterns, and have spellings to learn each week.

Mathematics



This half term in Year Six, we will be focussing mainly on fractions, including how to simplify them, calculations involving them, different ways of representing them, and ordering them. We will also look at position and direction. We will continue to follow the Power Maths scheme of work. We will also continue to practice our arithmetic daily.

RE



During this half term, Mrs Paterson will be continuing our preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, including choosing sponsors and saints, learning about Pentecost, making links between Baptism and Confirmation, and studying the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit. We will also be studying Advent and Christmas as the holidays approach, to make sure that we understand the true meaning of Christmas.

Science



This half term, we will be focusing on our Scientists and Inventors topic. We have an amazing term ahead of us with lots of Science experiments and interesting facts to learn. We will be learning about Stephen Hawking, Libbie Hyman, Marrie Maynard Daly, Alexander Flemming, Mary Leaky, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams and Steve Jobs just to name a few scientists!

Theme



This half term, we are learning about London. We will be looking at how the city has changed over time, and how different maps can be used to represent it. We will focus on trends in human data about London, and look at the changes in the River Thames over time.

Design & Technology/ Art



This half term, we are focussing the artwork of Eduardo Paolozzi, starting by looking at his work in London tube stations. We will investigate Pop Art, and make our own Paolozzi-inspired images based on the theme of 'Communication' representative of the internet age.

PE



Our PE sessions this half term will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays, and the children need to be dressed in full, correct PE kit on these days. We will have dance with Mrs Paterson on Tuesdays, and netball with Mr Christie on Fridays.

Music

Our unit for this half term is a little lighter in content as the students will be busy with general Christmas activities. For Autumn 2, the focused will be Classroom Jazz. It will last for six-weeks and it builds on previous learning. All the learning is focused around two tunes and improvising: Bacharach Anorak and Meet The Blues.

Computing

This half term, we will be 'Online Safety and Spread sheets'. The topics to be covered under Online Safety are: Message in a Game, Online Behaviour and Screen Time. In addition, the topics under Spreadsheet are: Exploring Probability, Creating a Computational Model, Use a Spreadsheet to Plan Pocket Money Spending and Planning a School Event

Modern Foreign Languages

Our unit this half term is 'Asking and saying what clothes you'd like'. The lessons are geared towards spelling, pronouncing and reading words that describes different clothing they wear in French.

Home learning

Home learning is sent out every Friday and to be returned the following Wednesday on Microsoft Teams. The children will be using the same log-ins for this that they used last year. Every week, this will include a Maths activity, a Literacy activity, and spellings to learn for our test on Friday. The children also need to be reading for at least thirty minutes, three times a week, and recording this in their reading record with your signature. They are welcome to borrow books from the classroom, or read texts from home. It is a great idea to join Rugby Library, who stock many of the books recommended on the Year Six recommended reading list (see school website). Occasionally, homework may include other tasks related to our learning in class such as Confirmation. Children who are not yet secure on their times tables need to ensure that these are practised daily.

Other Dates

First two weeks of November—additional Theme work based around COP 26
Thursday 11th November—Y3/Y6 Mass
W/O 15th November—Anti-bullying week
Thursday 2nd December—Y6/3/R Mass
Thursday 16th December—Whole School Mass
Friday 17th December—Whole School Carol Concert

If you have any questions that you would like to ask, please email your class teacher. Please make sure that you have read the communication policy to ensure that the correct information is sent to the correct people. Mrs Paterson and Mr Christie can be contacted on the following email addresses:

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Don't forget to check the website for our 'Recommended Reading Lists' and our 'Further reading lists'.

Also please remember to follow our Twitter page @EMCPprimary and look out for the hashtag #EMCYear6 for anything specific to Year Six.