



Diocese of Portsmouth

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

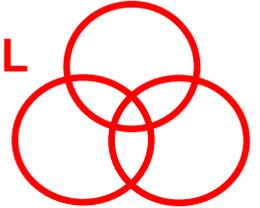
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September 2021

Dear Parents and carers

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely summer. We are really looking forward to getting to know the children in Year 6 and working with them over the year. We are keen to work in partnership with you, so please do keep in touch and let us know how we can best support your child. You can contact us on class6@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk.

Curriculum

We have an exciting programme of learning to look forward to this term. Our main topic is World War Two, and much of our learning will be focused on this topic. Our English work will be focused around 'Carrie's War' to begin with, before we move on to a powerful picture book called 'Rose Blanche', war poetry and a short film called 'Beyond the Lines'. World War Two will also inspire our work in Art and in Design & Technology.

During the next few weeks, we will also be looking at Light in Science, before moving on to Electricity after half term. In Mathematics we start by learning about place value, and Creation is our first topic in RE. Further details of our topic-based curriculum can be found on the [Class Topic Plans web page](#).

Homework

In Year 6 there is an increase in the amount of homework that children are expected to do to help them prepare for Secondary School. In general, homework will be given out on a **Friday**, and it will be returned on the following **Wednesday** morning. Work handed in late will not be marked. Children are also expected to read for 20-30 minutes at home each day and record their reading in their reading folder. Spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday to learn for a test on the following Monday. Children should practise their times table skills on Times Tables Rock Stars for at least 20mins twice a week.

PE

It is expected that the uniform standards in Year 6 remain high until pupils leave. This includes having the right PE kit. Pupils are expected to have **named** PE kit for indoor and outdoor use, which includes footwear that is suitable for each environment. We have a double PE session on **Mondays**, and on this day, children should **come to school in their PE kit**. We would also like to remind parents that pupils should not wear earrings or any jewellery at school, and if children do have pierced ears, then they should remove their earrings during school hours. If children come to school wearing earrings, they will be asked to remove them.





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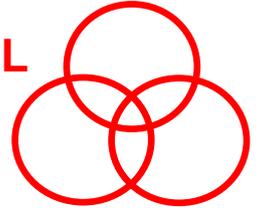
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The children need to have a named water bottle in school every day, which should be taken home and cleaned regularly.

SATs

After some disruption due to Covid, the children are required to sit the Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) in May next year. Preparing for these tests is a major focus in Year 6 throughout the year, but we will try to ensure the SATs induce as little stress as possible amongst pupils, encouraging them to take a positive approach and "have a go" so that they can try to do their best during the tests. In fact, the children will get plenty of experience and practice so that there will be no worries or surprises on the day! SATs week runs from 9th – 13th May 2022.

Transition to secondary school

In the next few months, you will no doubt also be starting to think about your child's transition to secondary school. Please do let the School Office know if your child will be absent from school to attend an open day or similar. Normally applications must be submitted to the Local Authority by the end of November. If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office, who will be happy to help you.

PGL

I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have booked our Year 6 PGL residential for the week beginning 14th February 2021. Further details will follow in the next few weeks.

Please do ask if you have any questions or concerns about your child settling into Year 6.

With best wishes for a happy and successful term,

Mrs V Westhead (class teacher)

Mrs J Agudelo and Mrs C Cuss (teaching assistants)

