St. Paul's C of E VA Primary and Nursery School

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Walk On Water

With God ALL THINGS ARE possible MATTHEW 19:26

Year 6

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Autumn Term 1st half 2026



Welcome back to a new school year! We are so excited for the year ahead and can't wait for you to see all the lovely learning opportunities we take part in. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed about the curriculum we will be covering this half term so that you can support the work that we do in class.



ENGLISH

We will begin this year with a focus on developing our vocabulary in poetry. We will build on this further when we move on to descriptive writing. We will use Shakespeare's Macbeth to inspire our writing.

Reading

We will be reading 'The Machine Gunners' by Robert Westall in class. Children should read a minimum of three times per week at home and record this in their link book. Your child will be asked to stay in on a Friday to read if they do not meet the minimum requirement of three times a week. Please let me know if you would like a recommended book list of suitable Y6 books.

Spelling

Spelling patterns will be learnt in class on a Monday. For homework, the children will be expected to learn a new set of spellings. These are set on a Monday and the children are tested on the following Monday. Please ensure children bring their spelling book into school every Monday.



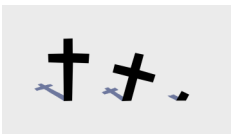
MATHEMATICS

We will be exploring place value in numbers up to 10 000 000 before revising the formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Please visit Timestable Rockstars daily to ensure rapid recall of number facts.
This will support your child in class.



RE

We will start the year by focusing on Christianity and in particular Creation. We will explore whether creation and science are conflicting or



SCIENCE

Our first topic is 'Classification of Living Things' where we will explore how scientists, such as Aristotle, organised types of animals and plants. We will research micro-organisms and how the invention of the microscope led to significant scientific discoveries. We will also investigate how we know that yeast is a living thing.



MESSAGES

Written permission is needed for children to walk home by themselves—please complete the slip in the letter in Parent Mail.

Calling all those who remember WWII—we would be very grateful to welcome any relatives who would like to talk to us about life in WWII. Please speak to Miss Saunders if this is possible.

HISTORY

Lest We Forget: How did the struggle for power influence WWI and WWII?

We will be going back in time to learn about the wars and how they have impacted life today. We will study artwork from WWII artists and listen to war-inspired songs guaranteed to raise morale.

If you have any resources (books, medals, masks, diaries) from these times, please bring them in—we would love to carefully investigate these sources in class.



OTHER SUBJECTS

PE

Thursdays—Hockey with Mr Chivers. Tuesdays—Fitness with Miss Saunders.

PSHE

Me and My Relationships—We will be focusing on healthy relationships and appreciating each other's individuality. We will also discuss strategies for dealing with friendship challenges.

COMPUTING

We will be re-visiting online safety rules to keep ourselves safe online before moving onto Networks and Graphing on Purple Mash.

SPANISH Phonetics 4 — At School.

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 6



- Church— Tuesday 8th September (September birthdays)
- Year 6 Farm Visit— Tuesday 6th October 10:40am—11:50am
- Warner Bros. Workshop—Thursday 10th September
- Health and Wellbeing Check—Monday 21st September
- Film Night—Friday 2nd October
- Church—Tuesday 6th October (October birthdays)
- Harvest celebrations at St Albans Cathedral—Tuesday 13th October
- Individual & family photos—Friday 16th October
- Disco- Friday 16th October
- Parent consultation evening—Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st October
- STEM day—Thursday 22nd October and Friday