



# English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

*"Where everyone is special"*

Welcome to Year Six  
Summer Term 1 2019  
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. Please also remember that SATS week begins on Monday 13th May—it is vital that all children attend.

### English



This half term, we will be reading 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna, which is a picture book about a family seeking refuge from war-torn Syria. As part of our study, we will learn more about the UN's Rights of the Child, and write diary entries to empathise with characters from the book. We will also do a comparative study with Edgar Allen Poe's 'The Raven', including re-writing the poem as a narrative. To further our understanding of the issues facing refugees, we will listen to 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Raúf, which was this year's Waterstones Children's Book of the Year 2019.

### Mathematics



This half term in Year Six, we will be revising all of the areas covered this year so far, in preparation for our SATs tests. We will also practise our calculations daily to ensure that we are fluent in these. Following the SATs, we will focus on different mathematical investigations designed to extend our thinking further.

### RE



As part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, we follow the curriculum 'Learning and Growing as the People of God'. This half term we will cover:

- Easter
- Followers of Christ

Each week, we will choose two children to be 'Liturgy Leaders'. They will be responsible for leading collective worship daily in class, and will plan and deliver a class assembly for us on Wednesday afternoon.

### Science



As part of our study of Physics, we will be learning about light and vision this half term. This will include learning about how light travels, and how the eye works. We will focus on reflection and refraction, and build our own periscopes to understand this further. We will also build pinhole cameras and investigate the colour spectrum. Please collect Pringles tins (with lids) and cereal boxes to help us with our work!

## Theme



This half term, we are learning about mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes. We will start by looking at different cartographers and their interpretations of the world map, before studying how volcanoes and earthquakes are formed, and their human impact.

## Design & Technology/ Art



This half term, we are focussing on the artwork of Japanese artist Hokusai, and his paintings of volcanoes. We will be using watercolours to investigate his style, and creating our own paintings of mountains. We will also study the artist himself, and his influence today.

## PE



Our PE sessions this half term will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays, though we ask that the children have their kit in every day. We will be doing football with FDS, and learning to play tennis on Tuesdays with Mr Weatherall.

## Music



We will be listening to Mussorgsky's 'Night on Bare Mountain' and its use in the movie 'Fantasia', and learning to play the baseline. We will then use our voices to compose a melody to go with this, and think about how to use dynamics to create a volcanic sound!

## Computing



We are going to be learning about blogs, including creating our own and commenting on them. We will blog from the point of view of character's in 'The Journey', and use blogging as a collaborative writing tool.

## Modern Foreign Languages

Our topic for this half term is 'Les Sports'. We will be learning how to describe different activities that we do, and express our preferences.

## Home learning

Home learning is sent out every Friday and to be returned the following Wednesday. Every week, this will include a Maths activity in the purple homework book, a reading comprehension from the CGP book, 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. Children who are not yet secure on their times tables need to ensure that these are practised daily.

### Masses

Thursday 9th May—Whole school mass led by Y6, the Feast of the English Martyrs.

### Other Dates

Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May: SATs week. Breakfast club will be running on these days from 8am.

Friday 17th May—We discover what our end of term production is!

Wednesday 22nd May—Auditions for solo sung production parts.

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. Miss Pichon can be contacted on the following email address:

Pichon.c@welearn365.com

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.