

Diary Dates

Mega Maths Week:

29th January

Class 6C

Trent Bridge Class-
room :8th Feb

Class 6E

Trent Bridge Class-
room: 15th Feb

INSET Day: 16th Feb

HALF TERM

19th- 23rd Feb

World Book Day:

1st Mar

Parents Evening

7th-8th Mar

Holy Week:

Y6 Crucifixion

Thursday 29th March
6C: 10.30 6E: 1.30

Last day of term.

Thursday 29st Mar

First day of Summer term

Monday 16th April

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are delighted that so many of the children have taken up the opportunities after school, be it sport, drama, singing or cooking

These all play a massive part in the confidence and belief of the children and will be starting again very soon.

Happy New Year!

The Year 6 team would like to wish all of our families a very happy and healthy New Year. We have another very busy and exciting term ahead, which will build on all of the hard work put in place during the Autumn. Over 3 months, the standard of work and confidence of the children has been excellent. This has in part been because of the responsibilities and experiences the children have had. The continuing exciting opportunities this term will bring more pride, confidence and memorable moments.

Staffing Changes:

We work very closely as a year group. Mr Tuckwell will be continue in 6C from Monday to Wednesday with Mrs Livesey taking over from Mrs Phoenix for the remainder of the week in 6C. Mrs Woolley will be the class teacher in 6E on Monday. Mrs Scott-Nelson will be the class teacher on Tuesday in addition to the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are very lucky to have Mrs Maher working closely in 6C. Mrs Day, as always, is the wonderful final piece to the Year 6 jigsaw who supports across the whole year group, and in particular Mr Tuckwell!

The door is always open and we are always available should you need to speak We want to ensure the children have the most wonderful and memorable final year at St. Edmund Campion full of inspiration and memories.

Curriculum Focus

RE will of course be central, with child led liturgy, reflection and valuing our role as individuals and within our community. This will lead up to our Holy Week celebration on the 29th of March. See dates.

The RE curriculum will focus on three topics this term: **Sources, Unity and Death and New Life**. The focus will be to be able to identify and explain how our beliefs are inspired by the Bible. They will also understand the importance of friendships within our faith and be able to describe and explain the meaning and purpose of a variety of forms of worship.

Each week, **in Mathematics**, there will be a heavy number focus, with emphasis on times tables and methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. These skills will be constantly applied to multi-step worded problems and reasoning. There will be continual revision of everything taught over the children's time in Key Stage 2 and will be supported with the weekly homework.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set weekly. The hand in date will be on a **Friday** and will include:

- A comprehension
- Spellings
- Some maths.
- Occasional topic or RE

It is really important homework is returned on time so that misconceptions can be addressed.

Methods:

We encourage adult support with homework. No harm can be done with showing and sharing different ways that you use or find easier to explain! The new National Curriculum encourages a variety of methods. The children need a way to answer a question and can use any way of doing so.

Cooking

Cooking will start on Thursday the 25th January.

A huge thank you to all the parents that make it possible and so memorable



MACBETH



Over the Spring term we will be covering two different texts. To begin with we will be reading Shakespeare's classic, Macbeth. We will be exploring the roles and motives of the main characters, describing settings, writing a biography, exploring some Shakespearean language, setting up a 'Jeremy Kyle' style debate (don't ask!) and culminating in a multimedia presentation. Afterwards we will be reading the inspiring book, Wonder, which is a truly heart warming story of bravery and kindness in the face of adversity and dealing with lots of ethical and emotional issues.

In the other curriculum areas, there will be a **history** focus with crime and punishment in Tudor times, **Computing** will be a multi-media presentation. Madame Wilks will continue her excellent **MFL** provision and Mr Otton will ensure we are fit and active during **PE**. As always, there will be some excellent **art** opportunities planned that will brighten the classroom and school.

SATs:

Even though SATs aren't until May, we will continue to build up towards them through our day-to-day work and homework. As a team, we are extremely confident with the curriculum and ensuring each child will achieve their very highest – as shown with last years' results. All we ask is for the children to be as hardworking and responsive during lessons and bring their homework in every Friday. Even if things appear difficult, it's never too late for it to all click into place. We will often use past papers in school to aid understanding, help to de-mystify and provide methods to answering papers. We never focus purely on scores and the children should view this as good learning and practice.

**Booster groups will run after half term and will take place after school.
Further details and invites will follow shortly.**

It's not all work, work, work... With our days being busy and challenging, we are delighted to have a 6 week block of yoga and mindfulness provided by Rattle and Roll. The focus is on helping the children to clear their minds and it delivers lifelong skills and techniques that aim to give a sense of calmness; happiness and general well-being. Session 1 was a massive success – rumours are untrue that Mr Tuckwell had be woken up...