

St James C of E Academy

Year 6

Autumn Newsletter 1



Welcome back to the new school year. We hope that you all enjoyed the summer break and that the children have all returned to school refreshed and ready to learn. We are so pleased to welcome all the children to Year 6, we have some exciting learning opportunities planned throughout the year. We urge you to speak to us if you have any questions or concerns, after school is always best as we usually have more time.

We welcome any offers of help in the classroom and appreciate the difference another adult can make to small group activities. We really need extra help listening to readers, working through spellings and times tables, if you or another family member are able to offer support please speak to a member of the Year 6 team.

Please can we ask you to complete and return an end of the day arrangements letter so we can ensure children are safe at the end of the day.

During our open evening Year 6 children act as guides to

Save the date:

Wednesday 13th September 5.30-6.30 Year 6 information evening

Friday 15th September 2017 London trip (see separate letter)

Friday 22nd September 2017 6S Class Assembly 2.15pm

Wednesday 27th September 2017 6pm-7pm Open Evening

Friday 29th September 2.15pm 6T Class Assembly 2.15pm

Friday 6th October 2017 Sponsored Walk

Friday 20th October 2017 9.15 -11.00 Greek Learning extravaganza parents welcome to join us and share learning opportunities with their child (more information to follow)

NOTICES

This term both classes will take part in PE every Tuesday so each child requires a suitable kit:

Black shorts

White T shirt

Trainers or pumps

In cold weather

Black sweatshirt or hoody

Black jogging trousers or leggings

Trainers

Homelearning is given out Wednesday to be returned by the following Monday.

English	Maths
<p>Linking with our Ancient Greek topic, this half term sees us focus in English upon the trials of Odysseus. Using his journey as a starting point, the children will write to persuade, inform and entertain.</p> <p>Handwriting, spelling and grammar all focus in our work this half term as the children begin to meet the Year 6 expectations in English</p>	<p>During the first half term we focus on place value and finding the value of each digit in large numbers up to 10 million and small numbers to 3 decimal places.</p> <p>We also ensure children have efficient written methods for adding and subtracting. Algebra is a new area of learning and challenges the children to work in a systematic way.</p> <p>Within each lesson we incorporate problem solving and word problems.</p>
Science	History/Geography
<p>Our focus this half term is on light and how light travels. We work on reflection and refraction of light. We also study the eye and how light enters our eye enabling us to see.</p> <p>Wherever possible our science topic links to our Greek topic providing a range of extended learning opportunities.</p>	<p>Our work in history sees us taking a closer look at the life and times in Ancient Greece. We will study Ancient Greek beliefs, their customs and city states. All our work will culminate in a Learning Extravaganza for parents in the last week of term.</p>
Arts	RE
<p>Over the half term we intend to develop the children's sketching skills with particular attention to line. We are using the Ancient Greeks as a stimulus to create Greek pots., which depict life in Greek times.</p>	<p>In our weekly RE sessions we will be reflecting upon the kind of kingdom that Christians believe God wants. We will be investigating stories from the Bible which gives clues about his promises.</p>

