

St James' Church of England Junior School

Year 6-6H

Autumn Term 2024

Literacy

We will be reading and writing a range of text types. The students have been asked to read to an adult for 10 mins each night and (have their reading record signed and returned daily); I will endeavour to listen to each child once per week. We have super reading areas in class to promote reading for pleasure and an amazing library in school. We will also be taking part in guided reading sessions led by the teacher. Talk homework may be set whereby all you need to do is 'talk'-some note taking may be necessary. This will help support our writing sessions.

Numeracy

We will be following the National Curriculum, using White Rose. In addition to this, we will complete mental maths activities, maths investigations and be securing our tables to 12. It would be beneficial if you could support the learning of the times tables at home. It is so important to continue to learn the tables set on TTRS.

Science-Mrs Porter (PPA Cover)

Earth and Space: In this topic, students learn about space. Starting with the Solar System, they look next at how ideas about space have changed over time before they explore what causes us to experience night and day on Earth.

Material World: In this topic, the students learn about materials and how they change. First, they test properties of materials before looking at how materials dissolve, what a solution is, and evaporation. Finally, students compare reversible and irreversible changes.

RE-Enquiry Questions

Buddhism-What is the best way for a Buddhist to show commitment to their beliefs?

Christianity-How significant is it, that Mary was Jesus' Mother?

We also take part in daily Collective Worship.

History

The Anglo-Saxons-Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?

In this unit, the students will learn about the world of the Anglo-Saxons. They will consider why they came to Britain and whether the period deserves to be called the 'Dark Ages'. The students will examine archaeological evidence, such as the Sutton Hoo ship burial and the Staffordshire hoard, while using written evidence from the time, including Beowulf, to provide context for the archaeological finds. They will learn about the importance of archaeological evidence and the work of the archaeologist, as well as the accidental finds of metal detectorists.

Geography

Changes in our Local Environment-How is the UK changing?

In this unit, the students will find out about the regions of the UK, discovering how some of these areas have changed over time.

The students will research how specific areas of the UK have been affected by change, before conducting a fieldwork activity on their own area.

Art

Painting and mixed media Portraits-This unit offers opportunities to develop skills in creating interesting portrait drawings using words, experimenting with materials and techniques, and constructing self-portraits that represent aspects of themselves. It enhances understanding and application of art vocabulary and encourages thoughtful decisions in artwork composition.

DT

POP UP BOOKS –To plan, design and test a pop-up book for a younger child. We will be learning about how mechanisms work and disassemble to reconstruct. This should be lots of fun!

PE

Invasion - rules and concepts, Invasion in a team, Gymnastics – travelling and turning, Dance – science space

Year 6 will be covering these units. They will be building on skills already developed and extended throughout our practise sessions.

Music

In Music, we will have specialised sessions and we will be learning how to play the flute!

RSE/PSHE

Family and Relationships-Developing an understanding of families, including marriage and what to do if someone feels unsafe in their family; learning that dealing issues can strengthen a friendship; exploring the impact of bullying and what influences a bully's behaviour; learning to appreciate our individual positive attributes.

Health and Wellbeing-Learning to take greater responsibility for sleep, sun safety, healthy eating and managing feelings; setting goals and embracing failure; understanding the importance of rest and relaxation.

SPANISH

New language to learn for us this year! Greetings, numbers and much more!

COMPUTING

Computing will be taught by Mrs Porter A1.

We will begin with My Online Self-we will look at how to stay safe when using the internet and other apps.

6H will be taught by myself, Miss Head, alongside our HLTA Mrs Watson. Mrs Porter will cover PPA one afternoon per week. Some interventions or packages of support may also occur in class time with Mrs Almond.

I hope this has given you an idea as to what your child will be studying and any queries you have regarding this can be discussed at any time. Please do not hesitate to contact me through the office email or telephone.



Thank you for your time,

S. V. Head

Stephanie Head

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Notes:

Dinners can be ordered through the regular system and chosen in advance. Menus are available through the office.

Packed lunches should adhere to the school policy.

Water bottles should not exceed 500ml in capacity for storage purposes.

Homework is set on Friday-returned Friday am.