

Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School

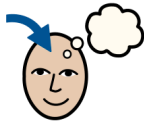





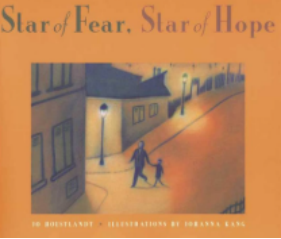

Half-termly Curriculum Newsletter








Class 6 - Autumn 1 2025

Welcome to Year 6!

We are delighted to begin this important and exciting final year of primary school with your child. Year 6 is a time of great growth, challenge, and celebration, as the children take on new responsibilities, deepen their learning, and prepare for the transition to secondary school. We look forward to working closely with you to support your child through the year ahead and to make their last year at primary school both successful and memorable.

	Homework	<p><u>Homework is set on a Wednesday and due on the following Tuesday.</u> A homework club will be in place on a Tuesday lunchtime if your child struggles to complete homework at home.</p> <p><u>English:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Reading for at least 10 minutes every night.→ Children will be given revision sheets to help consolidate their understanding of Year 5 grammar expectations.→ Individual spellings/spelling games. This year we have subscribed to an online resource and app called "Learn with Emile". This means your child has FREE access to this resource and we would like you to encourage regular use at home. A separate letter will be sent home with all login details. <p><u>Maths:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Children will be expected to complete half SATs papers to support consolidation of the arithmetic skills needed for the Y6 curriculum. <p>Dojos will be given when homework is completed, with extra dojos for an early hand in.</p> <p>Establishing good routines this year will really help for when the children go to secondary school next year.</p>
	Torbay and Devon Civic Award	<p>This year all of Year 6 will be working towards achieving the Year 6 Civic Award.</p> <p>To achieve the award pupils have to participate in six main areas. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Active Citizenship in our school community This could be Peer Mediation, Reading Buddies, School Chaplains, School Council or other positions of trust and responsibility in school.2. Active Citizenship in your home communities . In the past, pupils have taken part in beach cleans, bulb planting, helping at Brownies /Cubs/sports clubs and looking after people in the community. Pupils may also work with others to organise events in school to support local charities.3. A physical hobby(ies) and A non-physical hobby (ies) Children should spend about 30 minutes on average a week on their

		<p>hobbies and one of them needs to be new from the September of Year 6.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Residential experience and adventure training This entails sleeping away from home and family and taking part in outdoor challenges. 5. Children also need to adopt a cause or charity which they feel strongly about. They need to research it and find ways of supporting it. 6. Children need to make a pledge to the planet during the time they are undertaking the award. Children will need to research ways to help save the environment and take action on at least one thing.
	<p>Reading for Pleasure</p>	<p>This half term we will be reading <i>Cloudbusting</i> by Malorie Blackman</p> 
	<p>English</p>	<p>For writing, the children will be focusing on <i>Star of Fear, Star of Hope</i> by Jo Hoestlandt. The book links in with our theme an WW2 and will offer a wide range of opportunities for different genres of writing.</p>  <p>The children will have regular handwriting practice in class each week to ensure they are joining their letters correctly and fluently in year 6. This will be linked to their spellings.</p> <p>Each week, the children will have spelling lessons to support their understanding of the spelling rules, using the Emile program. Alongside this, the children will be focusing on how to spell and use the year 5 and 6 expected spelling word list to ensure they are year 7 ready at the end of the academic year.</p>
	<p>Maths</p>	<p>Place Value 10,000,000.</p> <p>In this unit, children extend their knowledge of numbers from within 1,000,000 up to 10,000,000, before they go on to work with the four operations in the next two units. In these units the children will be consolidating their knowledge of the effective written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.</p>

	RE	<p>The unit is called 'Creation and Covenant'. The overall theme is looking at the significance of the Old Testament as part of the Christian understanding of Jesus.</p>
	Science	<p>Animals including humans. The children will be learning about the human circulation system. This unit recaps the children's learning from year 4 about how animals survive and stay healthy and helps children learn more about how different organ systems work. This unit teaches the importance of diet, exercise, and lifestyle in how our bodies function. In this unit, they learn about the three main parts of the circulatory system and the heart's job. They also learn about what blood is composed of and how it is transported around the body. Children will carry out an investigation to explore how heart rate is affected by exercise.</p>
	History	<p>The first half of this term we will be exploring World War 2, gaining an understanding of how Hitler became the leader for Germany, how the war started and the impact on Great Britain, including local areas.</p>
	Art	<p>The children will be developing their clay skills to shape, form, model and join using malleable and rigid materials – wire, clay and mod rock.</p>
	RHE	<p>Growing up and body changes</p>
	PE	<p>PE lessons will be held on a Tuesday and Thursday. The focus this half-term is Netball and tag rugby. The children will learn to pass, receive and shoot the ball with increasing control. The children will learn the rules of the game and consistently play honestly and fairly.</p> <p>Make sure / check your child brings in their PE kit each week. Please make sure it is labelled with their name and surname.</p>
	Computing	<p>The children will be discovering the history of Bletchley Park, historical figures, and computer science. They will learn about code-breaking and password hacking as well as decoding messages.</p>
	Teacher contact:	<p>Contact with either of us can be through the use of Dojo, or via email, however please note that it is not always possible for us to pick up messages throughout the working day. If your message is urgent, please go through the main office.</p> <p>Cathy Blatchford - c.blatchford@plymouthcast.com Rachel O'Sullivan - rosullivan@olsp.uk</p> <p><i>Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30 am - 3.15 pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office office@olsp.uk during the school day. There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to emails or class dojo messages received after 6 pm or at the weekend.</i></p>

