

# The Federation of Holy Trinity Church of England Schools

## Year 6 Newsletter

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## Autumn Term 2023/24



## Welcome!

We are really looking forward to getting to know all of Year 6! We have lots of exciting things planned and can't wait to get stuck in.

### Learning in Autumn

Subject / Area of Learning	Unit / Focus area
English	'Eats, Shoots and Leaves', 'Earth Verse' and 'Arthur, High King of Britain'
Maths	Place Value Four Operations Fractions Imperial and Metric Measures
Learning Means The World	'A World of Bright Ideas' and 'Wars of the World'
RE	'Is it better to express your beliefs in art and architecture or in charity and generosity?' 'What matters most to Christians and Humanists?'
PE	Tag rugby and gymnastics
Spanish (KS2)	'The Year', 'Pets' and 'Hobbies'

### Learning Means the World

Over this term, children will learn to be historians and designers through the 'A World of Bright Ideas' unit and will focus on the creative process of invention and design. As part of the 'Wars of the World' unit, children will explore conflicts past and present using their history and geography skills.

**Parents will be welcomed into school on the evening of Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September to explore how we are teaching our new whole-school curriculum through 'Learning Means the World'. You will learn how all aspects of Science, History, Geography, PSHE, Art, DT, Computing and Music are woven into exciting, stimulating and relevant units throughout the year, focusing on the 4 Cs: Communication, Conflict, Conservation and Culture. More information to follow.**

### PSHE

As part of the Relationships and Sex Education curriculum, we will be reviewing children's knowledge and understanding of puberty and responding to any questions and uncertainties they may have - it is a statutory requirement for schools to teach this. We will also be covering new learning about human reproduction including conception, some elements of this form part of the National Curriculum for science whilst other aspects are part of the teaching for Relationships and Sex Education. For this latter part of the curriculum, you have the right to withdraw your child should you wish to do so. If you would like to discuss or know more about what is covered, how we teach it or would like help or support to further these discussions at home, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Tansley (subject leader).

### SATs

SATs will take place in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024. This is built into school routines and is well-managed so the children know exactly what to expect, both with the style of tests and the structure of the week. Children really enjoy the week as they get to show off everything they have learned over their time at school and love the tea and toast they get fed each morning! More information will follow nearer the time.

## Communication

We will continue to use school planners as they are an invaluable source of communication between home and school. Please use this to pass on messages to your child's class teacher and record home reading. Planners are also an important learning support tool for your child; please help your child to take responsibility for ensuring they are in school every day.

## Homework

Children will receive maths and English homework each week including spellings to learn, Times Table Rockstars, Reading Plus and an activity for both subjects. Log ins will be in the front of planners. Homework will be set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday with the exception of Reading Plus which will run from Monday to Monday. Homework help is provided each week on Tuesday lunch time.

### Autumn Term Routines

Monday	PE lesson – wear PE kit to school Reading Plus due in
Tuesday	Homework help at lunch 12:15 – 12:30 Reading Plus session
Wednesday	Library
Thursday	PE lesson – wear PE kit to school Homework handed in Reading Plus session
Friday	Homework handed out Times tables & spelling test KS2 Praise: 2.50pm

### Ways to help your child

- In school, we teach reading across all aspects of the curriculum, in addition to reading lessons, where we teach very specific reading comprehension skills. These include developing your child's ability to predict, retrieve and explain information from the text, make inferences and justify their reasoning, make comments on the author's language and effectively summarise ideas. It is important that all children, regardless of ability, read with an adult regularly, at least three times a week. The aim of reading at home is to foster a life-long love of reading. Please do still read with your child – even though they are in Year 6!
- Please support your child to complete their homework – it is extremely beneficial in helping children consolidate their learning and develop new skills. We can provide stationery for home as required. Please let us know if you do not have access to electronics for completing homework.
- Complete, **named** school uniform – please ensure that your child wears school uniform on non-PE days. This should include grey trousers/skirt/dress/shorts, white or red polo-shirt or white shirt, red sweatshirt and black, sturdy shoes. School logo uniform can be purchased from the Ripon Uniform Shop on Blossomgate.
- Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on their PE day (plain, house-coloured t-shirt, black shorts, trainers and dark joggers/red hoody for cold days). Children should not wear clothing with large branded logos.
- Earrings must be removed for PE, either before school, or by your child if they are able. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings. Long hair should be tied back.
- Please remember that we cannot share sweets and cakes brought into school for the children. We appreciate that this is tricky as children like to share treats for their birthdays, but we now have several children with severe allergies. Thank you for your understanding!

## Praise

We are delighted to welcome all members of our school community to our Friday Praise – our opportunity to celebrate and praise our children and the wonderful things they do throughout the week! The Infants begins at 9am and Juniors at 2:50pm. Can we respectfully remind all visitors not to take photographs/videos during Praise – there will be the opportunity at the end of both Assemblies to take individual photos with your own child – thank you!

## Autumn Term Events

- Jeans for Genes day – 22/9/23
- Curriculum evening – 27/9/23 6-7pm
- Harvest Service – 4/10/23
- Open morning – 18/10/23 9:15-10:35am
- Parents' Evening – 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- October half term – 27/10/23 (break up)
- Remembrance at Spa Gardens – 10/11/23
- Christmas service – 20/12/23
- Christmas party - TBC
- End of term – 22/12/32
- SATs – WB 13/5/24

*'Loved by God and one another, Holy Trinity is a welcoming community of faith, where we learn  
and flourish together.*

*Each day opens up horizons of hope, aspiration and joy! '*