

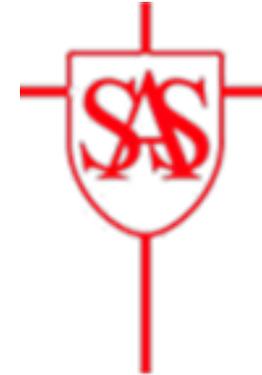
## Important dates for Year 6:

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – Half term  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Ash Wednesday service  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6 March** – Mock SATs week  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Consultations  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Mother's Day Mass at Church  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – End of term (finish 1.30p.m.)

### How can I help at home?

- ✓ Please practise all times tables in random order. Children should have instant recall. Remember to use Times Tables Rockstars daily.
- ✓ Encourage your child to practise the SATs papers sent home to develop their mastery of maths and English. Some children may like to practice under test conditions in order to improve their pace at answering questions.
- ✓ All children should be reading regularly, both to themselves and to an adult. It is always useful to ask your children questions about what they have read: why a character feels a particular way or what might happen next, to find information in the text, to look up unfamiliar words or why an author has chosen a particular word/phrase or presentational device.
- ✓ Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit, including trainers and warmer tops and bottoms, as we are out in the cold weather.
- ✓ All equipment should be clearly labelled.
- ✓ Children need the following in their pencil case:
  - Handwriting pen
  - Pencil
  - Eraser
  - Pencil sharpener (if possible)
  - Ruler (30cm clear rulers preferably)
  - Glue stick

# Ss Alban and Stephen Catholic Junior School



## Year 6 Parent Information Booklet

What your child will be learning about this term and how you can help at home

Spring Term 2020

## English

This term we will be reading and sharing a class focus book: *Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You*. We will develop our understanding of a variety of different styles of writing and extend our vocabulary throughout. The children will be writing in a variety of styles linked to the text. Additionally, we will be practicing SATs questions to develop our comprehension, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

### *How You Can Help:*

Children should regularly read a variety of texts such as fiction and non-fiction writing, newspapers, poetry. Below are websites with recommend books suitable for Year 6 readers:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-6>

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year6>

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/> (Search by age)

It is also useful to read the classics such as Swallows and Amazons or The Railway Children to experience an older style of language.

Spellings should be practised throughout the week and written in sentences to improve understanding in context. Please also practise the Year 3-4 and 5-6 spellings lists sent home previously.

## Maths

This term, we will be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages and how they relate to each other. We will also practise SATs style questions and papers to develop our mastery of the subject.

### *How You Can Help:*

Please ensure your child learns all their times tables, to 12 times, in random order. Quick recall is essential to help them focus on the problem rather than simple calculation. Children can access Times Tables Rockstars and daily practise will enhance their instant recall of multiplication and associated division facts.

## R.E.

Sources: Considering the importance and value of the Bible.

Unity: Learning about communion, when we can take it and its relevance.

Lent/Easter: Learning about the relationship between death and resurrection.

## Geography

### Rainforests:

During the unit we will be reading *The Explorer*. The children will be practising comprehension skills and developing their vocabulary throughout the topic.

The children will study the location, physical features and climate of rainforests. They will also consider and discuss the threats to them.

## Art/DT

Linked to our geography focus book, the children will create rainforest art based on *The Explorer*, and inspired by the artist Nick Gustafson, using a variety of techniques and media.

## Science

### Classifying Living Things

Children will learn about classification of animals and plants; characteristics of different animals; helpful and harmful micro-organisms.

### Healthy Bodies

Year 6 will learn about the circulatory system, exercise, diet and lifestyle.

## PE

This term children will participate in gymnastics, including learning rolls, jumps, sequences and the use of large equipment. PE will usually take place every Friday afternoon, however it is important that the children have a full PE kit, including a warm top and bottoms, in school every day, in case of any changes.

## Music

Children will learn about voice by creating and performing graphic scores and understanding pitch. Later, they will study rhythm and pulse by copying rhythms, understanding tempo and joining in with an ensemble.

## Computing

The children will be learning and practising the use of spreadsheets and associated features.

## French

Children will cover Notre Monde (The world about us).