

St James the Great Catholic Primary School

6th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to back to school and to Year 6! We are very pleased to see the children back in school and ready to learn.

The children have all made a good start to this very important year. Please continue to support and encourage them so that they stay focused and determined throughout the academic year.

As you know, there is a lot to cover this year and we will be giving out a set of spellings, a reading comprehension, some SPaG practice and Maths practice will be given out on Fridays, to be returned on Tuesdays. In addition, comprehension or Maths homework (alternating weekly) will be given out on Mondays, to be returned on Thursdays. Your child will be bringing a reading book home with them as well. Please make sure that they read at home **every evening**. We will be sending home a Reading Diary as well so please sign in the relevant box to show that your child has read.

Although the children will no longer be swimming on Fridays, they will still have their PE session on Thursdays with Coach Michael, so they will need their full and correct PE kits on **Thursdays**. In addition, they will be having Dance sessions with a specialist dance teacher, Natasha, on **Fridays**, for which they will also need their PE kits (white t-shirt, black shorts or trousers and black plimsolls). On these days, they should come to school in their PE kits to avoid having to change in school.

The children will be continuing with their brass instrument lessons on Fridays, so please make sure that they **always** have their instrument in school for Friday, and that they make some time to practise at home during the week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment for either before or after school.

Best wishes

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Mathematics	<p>Number and Calculations Large numbers, decimal place value, multiplication, division, fractions, percentages</p> <p>Geometry and Measurement Properties of shapes</p> <p>Statistics Pie charts</p> <p>Algebra Using symbols to represent variables and unknowns</p>
English	<p>This is London – We will be starting the year with a book about London, working on sentence construction and non-fiction writing.</p> <p>Firebird – We will be looking at descriptive techniques and using formal tone before writing our own legend about a magical creature.</p>
RE	Please see attached sheet.
Science	<p>Animal Classification We will be learning about the classification of living things, including micro-organisms. The children will build on their work in Year 4 by sorting animals into groups based on their similarities and differences. They will extend their learning to find out about the standard system of classification first developed by Carl Linnaeus, choosing an animal and researching its classification.</p>
History	<p>The Blitz We will be looking at the experience of living through the Blitz and how it affected the lives of ordinary Londoners. Later in the term, we will be visiting St Paul’s Cathedral and hearing a “first-hand account” of life as an ARP Warden.</p>
Computing	<p>Search Engines We will be learning about how search engines work and how to use them effectively and safely.</p>
Art	<p>Henry Moore War Drawings We will be looking at the way in which Henry Moore portrayed the emotions of the people in his drawings. These drawings tie in with our work in History as they portray people sheltering in tube stations during air raids. We are working towards creating our own versions of “Woman Seated in the Underground”, using wax resist techniques.</p>
PSHE	<p>Human Rights We will be learning about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and how we can provide help and support to people whose human rights are being violated.</p>
RSE	We will be using the story of Jesus calming the storm to explore the concept of faith.
PE	Invasion Games (football) and Dance
Music	Brass Instruments
Mandarin	<p>YCT Preparation We will be revising everything that we have learned so far in Mandarin in preparation for the YCT, an internationally accredited qualification in Mandarin learning.</p>