



Autumn 1 Newsletter 2023

Welcome to Year 6! We hope that you have had a fantastic summer and are excited for your children to begin their journeys into their last academic year at St Thomas's.

This year, Miss Chawner will be the class teacher, supported by Ms Briggs. We are also very lucky to have Miss Moley as extra support in Year 6 on a Wednesday. On a Thursday afternoon, the class will be taught by Mrs Copperwheat. Information will be shared regularly through Class Dojo, Arbor, letters and the school website, however, if you need to contact us, your first point of contact is the school office.

In term 1, your children will begin by exploring place value, becoming increasingly confident with reading, writing and solving problems with numbers up to 10,000,000. Maths lessons will revisit topics taught in previous years, with an emphasis on applying knowledge and skills to reason and answer increasingly complex calculations. Our literacy work will also revisit the basics of writing, with a focus on the elements of story creation, allowing your children to express their wildest imaginings while learning the fundamentals of writing for an audience within a set genre. RE this term will focus on love, with the children discovering how vital love is for our development and self-worth. All homework set via Class Dojo will be based around these topics, with spellings and a piece of English, Maths, RE or topic work set weekly on a Friday. Homework will be due back into school on a Wednesday. As part of your child's home learning tasks, please ensure that they are also given the opportunity to read for 10 minutes daily, with this recorded in their reading records.

Please note that this year, children will be expected to have a PE kept in school to change into on PE days. The children will get changed with boys and girls separated before and after our PE lesson with the specialist teacher each Friday morning. Please ensure that kits are sent in prior to a Friday or kept in school for the whole term so that your child can participate in these lessons. Year 6 will also have a swimming slot on a Thursday; expectations around uniform remain the same as the previous year.

Helping your child at home

Reading	Writing	Maths
Recommended reads from the Book Trust: https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/g/great-books-guide-2022-10-11/ Reading ideas for at home: https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-age-10-11-year-6/	A range of English games and activities: http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html Writing ideas for at home: https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-english-year-6-age-10-11/	Interactive games: http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm Practise questions: https://uk.ixl.com/math/year-6

