
**SALTWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

CLASS 6 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to what will be a busy and enjoyable year for all of us. Although we have our Orientation Evening on Tuesday 10 September, we would like to give you some information about the coming year so that you can come to the meeting armed with any questions you may have.

In Literacy we will be looking at significant authors, historical texts, instructions and explanation texts and poetry. Literacy skills will also be highlighted and assessed across the curriculum and the children will have the opportunity to extend their writing in RE, Science, History and Geography. We will also have spelling and Guided Reading lessons, as well as focused Reading Comprehension work.

Reading should be a pleasure, so please encourage your child to read – both independently and with an adult – as often as possible. Reading, and discussing what they have read really does support their wider development and their writing skills. It is vital that children share their reading with adults: asking questions, explaining texts and talking about plots helps children to develop their literary understanding. Please make a note in your child's Reading Record every time you hear them read.

In Numeracy we will be consolidating some fundamental principles of Mathematics, increasing fluency and applying mathematical skills. We start by consolidating understanding of place value to 10,000,000 and developing written methods of the four operations. Then we will study fractions and geometry – position and direction. The children will do regular assessments in Maths so that we can accurately monitor their knowledge and understanding and thus take any necessary action to help them.

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We will also be looking at the following topics:

| Subject: | Term 1 | Term 2 |
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| Science | Evolution and inheritance. | Light |
| Religion | Understanding Christianity; Creation | Understanding Christianity; Gospel Christmas |
| Topic | History: Vikings – their occupation of Britain. | History: Vikings – their occupation of Britain. |
| D&T | Pizza | // |
| Art | // | Drawing and Painting |
| PE | Invasion Games Outdoor Adventurous Activities (Bowles) | Invasion Games Dance / Movement |
| Music | Cyclic patterns – exploring rhythm | Performing together |
| French | French Consolidate colours; numbers to 20 and days of the week. | French Food and drink; names of foods. Reading menus and how to order foods in a café. |
| Computing | ‘Let’s Learn A Language’ Writing code. | ‘Heroes and Villians’ Use coding to make a game that meets given criteria. |

Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school every day.

To support our studies we sometimes like to show films (or clips) that are rated as PG or ‘12’ – for example clips from War Horse as part of our Literacy studies. We show these to help the children better understand a historical period or event, or to help them understand what life might have been like for a given character. If you do not want your child to see these clips you must inform Mr Thomas or Mrs B Nash. If we don’t hear from you we will assume you are happy for your child to see these clips/films.

Finally, we would like to confirm that our Orientation Evening will be on Tuesday, 10 September, from 6.30pm, when you will be given more information about Year 6 and have a chance to ask any further questions about our trip to Bowles. Mr Newton will also discuss the Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education with you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time should you have any concern or query at all regarding your child’s academic or emotional well-being. If you contact the School Office, we will get back to you as quickly as we can.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible 10 September.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Thomas and Mrs B Nash
Class Teachers