



St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Journeying Together in Faith



Y6 CLASS LETTER Autumn 1

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In Maths, our main focuses this term are place value and rounding numbers. We will also be practising column method for addition and subtraction as well as formal written methods for multiplication and division, including long multiplication and bus stop methods.

In other areas of the curriculum, we will be learning about trade and the British empire. We are also going to be developing our coding skills in Computing and will be playing a variety of team games in PE with a focus on leadership skills.

In RE, we will be looking at God's kingdom and the values and attitudes that it represents. As well as discussing how we can reflect those values in our everyday lives.

Things you could explore at home to help your child's learning

Takeaway homework – Takeaway homework will be set after the half term and will cover a variety of subjects that we have been investigating. In the meantime, please encourage your child to continue to practise their times tables, forwards and backwards, to increase recall speed fluency.

Maths: Arithmetic – We would like to encourage you to work with your child on arithmetic skills, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Speed and fluency in these skills will allow your child to tackle much more complex mathematical problems easier.

Reading and library – Ideally your child should be reading at least three times a week at home. We are going to be focussing heavily on inference in year six, so when reading with your child try to make some time to question them about what they are reading, how a character may be feeling and what words from the book tell them this.

There will be an opportunity to change library books every Monday.

Things happening in school that you can get involved with

Our Masses this half term are on the following dates and will start at **10:00**:

22/09/17 – Year 6 Class Mass

06/10/17 - Whole school Harvest Mass

Our Year 6 residential trip will be taking place from 18/10/17 – 20/10/17.

We will be holding a parents meeting about the trip on 4/10/17.

<p>Please take note of these points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE kit needs to come in to school on Monday mornings. It will stay at school all week and then go home with your child on Friday. This is because we don't always have PE lessons on the same day or time each week and try to do as much physical learning as we can. Children will be doing some of their PE lessons outside. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate named PE kit for the weather (e.g. jogging bottoms, hat, sweatshirt, sturdy trainers etc...) • Children will be doing some of their PE lessons outside. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate named PE kit for the weather (e.g. jogging bottoms, hat, sweatshirt, sturdy trainers etc...)
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<p>If you have any questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.</p>	
<p>Many thanks for your support</p>	
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