



# St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School



*Set Sail for Success*

## Year 6 CLASS LETTER September 2024

Welcome to Year 6.

Your child's final year in Primary School and believe me it will go so quickly.

I am so looking forward to teaching your child this year and we've got much to look forward to. I will be working with you and your child in order to prepare them fully for the transition to high school.

### Things your child will be learning in the next few weeks

- In Maths, we're beginning with Place Value and focusing on the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will then move onto begin fractions before the half term. We will spend time focusing on recapping information that the children may have forgotten over the break. After half term, we will look at decimals and the relationship between decimals and fractions as well as focusing on measurement.
- In English, our text for the first half term is 'The Savage' by David Almond. Through this text, we will write setting and character descriptions and newspaper reports  
Our text for the second half term is 'The Viewer' by Gary Crew. Through this text, we will be writing a mystery story and explanation text.
- Geography in the first half term will be focused on map skills and recapping prior knowledge. We will be completing field work and looking at the UK and the changes throughout history to the landscape. We will be looking at local tourism by studying the Norfolk Broads, including Wroxham.
- History – after half term, the focus will switch from Geography to History in which the children will cover Mayans.
- Science – Our topic for the first half term is Light and for the second half term is Electricity. We will be completing experiments and encouraging the children to become more independent in completing experiments and recording the results.
- RE- Our topics for RE are The Kingdom of God, Judaism and Justice. We will be exploring these themes through art, drama, debate and writing.
- Art – We will be focusing on drawing during our first half term, specifically at looking at creating more detailed and accurate pieces of art as well as using our imagination when studying Cubism. After the half term, we will move onto printing; looking at South American patterns ready for our topic after Christmas.
- DT – In DT, we will be designing and creating a fairground ride using an electrical circuit, linking to our Science topics.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ICT – In ICT, we will be focusing on Computer Systems and Networks during the first half term, before moving onto 3D modelling.</li> <li>● PSHE/RSHE – Our topics are rules; cyber-safety and bullying; Black History Month.</li> <li>● PE – Our first PE unit is gymnastics. Year 6 will also be <b>swimming on a Friday afternoon</b> for the first half term.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Things you could explore at home to help your child's learning</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maths homework – this will be sent home weekly to reinforce the work being taught in class. It will be <b>given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Friday</b>. It really benefits the children to complete this homework as it's extra practice that will support them in their learning.</li> <li>● Spellings – these will also be sent home on a Friday ready for the spelling test the following week.</li> <li>● English – this will normally be reading comprehension, writing practice or some SPAG work. This will be given out on a <b>Friday and should be returned by the following Friday</b>.</li> </ul> <p>Please note, homework is essential for your child to consolidate their learning and develop good learning habits before high school. We want the children to be as successful as possible in their SATs this year and we will need your support in order to do this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Reading and library</b> – Your child should be reading daily at home. This does not always have to be their school issued reading book. In order to become confident readers, they need to practice as much as possible. Children all have access to the class and school library and books can be taken home. If your child needs assistance in selecting a book to enjoy, please let us know and we will support them in doing this.</li> <li>● Times table practice- it is essential that the children know their times tables in order to complete a huge portion of the Year 6 Math curriculum. Your child will struggle with many of the topics without a secure knowledge of times tables. Please encourage/ support your child to practice these at home. All children have TimesTables Rockstars logins, available in their school diary, that they can use to support them with practicing these. Furthermore, your child has been set up with a Prodigy Maths account, which is a fun game they can access at home to practice a wider variety of maths skills. Again, this login can be found in your child's school diary.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Please take note of these points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PE – Our <b>PE lesson is on a Wednesday</b> and children should come in PE kits on this day – please check the uniform policy for information on the PE kit that your child should wear. Children will be doing their PE lessons outside. Please ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate named PE kit for the weather (e.g. jogging bottoms, hat, sweatshirt, sturdy trainers etc...) As we have <b>swimming on a Friday</b> this half term, we will only be completing one PE lesson a week as swimming counts as the other. Please</li> </ul>

	<p>ensure your child has their full swimming kit on this day. I will inform you of the second PE day later in the half term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Library – the children will get the chance to visit the library at least once weekly. I recommend that the children have their library books available every day so that they can access these when needed during school time.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How you can get in contact with us</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● You can write a note in your child's diary. The diaries will be the main form of communication between the school and yourselves. It is important that the school diaries are checked daily so that you can keep up to date with any activities that have taken place during the school day. Please can you also sign to acknowledge that your child has read during the evening.</li> <li>● If it is an urgent issue, please call the school office.</li> <li>● Alternatively, if your message isn't urgent please contact the school office via email or telephone.</li> </ul>
<p>If you have any questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to get in touch. My door is always open. Many thanks for your support.</p>	
<p><b>Mr A Petersen</b></p>	<p><b>Year 6 Class Teacher</b></p>