

# St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

*Where every child is special*



## Welcome to Year Six! Autumn 2020

Making **S=P+A+C+E** for learning

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At St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School we have just one school rule, our **Golden Rule**:

**We treat others as we would like to be treated**

We reflect on this in school each week through our **GOLDEN THREADS**: 10 ways in which we can understand and follow our **Golden Rule**



We build our resilience and foster our mental health and wellbeing by: **Making S=P+A+C+E for ME**



## A St Thomas' Learner makes **S=P+A+C+E** for their learning

We believe that **St Thomas' Learners** can achieve **S**uccess through **P**erseverance together with a really positive **A**ttitude, **C**onfidence and, of course, **E**ffort.

Throughout this year we will be working on the Learning skills that lie behind these key attitudes to help each of us to improve as learners and to make the most of every opportunity that comes our way – our **S=P+A+C+E** skills.

### **P**erseverance

A St Thomas' Learner...

NEVER GIVES UP

TRIES AND TRIES AGAIN

Isn't afraid to get things wrong

Is resilient

Always gets involved and has a go

### A positive, can-do Attitude

A St Thomas' Learner...

BELIEVES IN THEMSELVES

Has a GROWTH mindset

Wants to take part

Is always optimistic

Encourages others

LOVES LEARNING

### **C**onfidence

A St Thomas' Learner...

Is happy

Knows they CAN

Believes in the power of yet

LEARNS FROM THEIR MISTAKES

Is happy to share

Knows they are valued and loved

### **E**ffort

A St Thomas' Learner...

Is always ready to learn

listens

Isn't distracted

Makes good use of time

WORKS IN THEIR CHALLENGE ZONE

## Learning in Year 6

A warm welcome to Year 6.

The classes are St. Dominic (Miss Davies – 6D) and St. George (Mrs Grove and Mrs Hull (Friday) – 6G). Our year group staff team includes Mrs English and Mrs Desanges.



**Miss Davies**



**Mrs Grove**



**Mrs Hull**



**Mrs English**



**Mrs Desanges**

There is a video on the **Starting back in school in September - WELCOME BACK PAGE!** page of the website from Miss Davies, Mrs Grove and Mrs Hull welcoming you to your new Year 6 classes.

These are the Year 6 classrooms



**St Dominic Classroom**



**St George Classroom**

When you come back to school the way you come into school and move around the school might look a little bit different but Mr Lewin will be in touch nearer the time to let you know.

### Learning Link:

'Great Expectations'

### Special Events:

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Prayer Service
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent consultation meetings
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 6 Advent Journey Reflections

### Aim/Key skills we are focusing on:

Our new **S=P+A+C+E** Skills, including:

#### To be confident and successful learners:

Follow the steps to success, learn from your mistakes, enjoy your learning, listen carefully, select and present information appropriately, use times and resources effectively, recognise when to challenge myself, solve problems, show and explain to others, share ideas confidently, inference and deduction to offer explanations, use feedback to improve mine and others' work, setting a good example to others and empathising with others.

### **S=P+A+C+E Day:**

The children will research Victorian life, including Christmas, and immerse themselves in a Victorian school experience.

### Homework:

- **Reading:** In Year 6 we ask that the children read at home every day for 20-30 minutes and discuss what they have read. Please could the children record the numbers of at least 4 fiction/non-fiction questions each week, in their reading record. These questions can be found inside the front and back covers of their Homework Diary.
- **Spelling:** Your child will have a list of spellings to practise and learn each week for homework consisting of spellings from the new curriculum. They will also be required to write some sentences linked to specific grammatical features (further guidance will be in their books).
- **Grammar:** The children will receive a 'SPAG Splash' each night to further embed their understanding of grammatical terms.
- **Maths:** The children will be set a 'Dollop of Maths' each night; they will receive a problem solving question a day to support their familiarisation of mathematical vocabulary.
- Other homework tasks such as: research activities, an RE activity, song words for a performance etc. will also be set over the course of the year.

### Resources

On your first day back please bring in your Transition Week Booklet and one piece of work/ or photograph of something you learnt or did for the first time during lockdown or the holidays. It might be a piece of work from one of your packs or a photograph of you achieving something that you are proud of.

Can we ask please that your child has a well-supplied pencil case for September (including a glue stick!). Replacement handwriting pens, pencils, rulers, rubbers and pencil sharpeners will be available to buy during the year from our Stationery Store, organised by School Council. **There is hand sanitiser available in school so this is not a necessity but if you choose to, you could send in a named bottle for your child so they have their own bottle to use too.**

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Year 6 Autumn Medium Term Plan	
<b>Learning Link:</b> <b>Great Expectations</b>	We have great expectations of the children this term; they will have many opportunities to be excellent role models in school beginning with applying for roles on the School Council. This term our learning centres around The Victorians with a particular focus on crime and punishment in the era. Using the book 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty, we will investigate Victorian life for the poor and delve into the depths of Victorian London before investigating a Victorian Christmas. Artwork inspired by William Morris will fill our walls and there will be an extra special Christmas decoration lighting up your home this year.
<b>RE</b>	Loving Vocations and Commitment Expectations
<b>English</b>	<p>Reading: Class Text: Street Child by Berlie Doherty Reading for Pleasure Text: Cogheart by Peter Bunzl</p> <p>Writing: Formal and informal letters Non-chronological report Character/setting descriptions Dialogue and playscripts Diary entry Poetry Biography</p> <p>Grammar: Rediscover of Year 5 Grammatical terms and knowledge Active and Passive voice Inverted commas Subjunctive verb form Conjunctions</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>Number and Place value Four number operation (+ - x ÷) Fractions</p>



<b>Science</b>	Electricity Light
<b>Art</b>	William Morris designs
<b>DT</b>	Light up Christmas decorations
<b>Computing</b>	Online Safety Coding PowerPoint presentation – Judaism
<b>History</b>	Ancient Greeks – Democracy Victorian Crime and Punishment
<b>Geography</b>	Victorian Britain
<b>PSHE – Learning for Life</b>	Drugs Freeze All About Me - Puberty
<b>Modern Foreign Languages – French</b>	Revising and consolidating how to talk and write about myself School: what I have in my pencil case and in my classroom Christmas: extending my year 5 learning about the Nativity Story in order to act it out in French.
<b>Music</b>	We will be exploring our voices, finding the rhythm in the music, learning body percussion, playing musical games and listening to and responding to different types of music.
<b>PE</b>	Children will be taking part in dance and team games in the Autumn term.

