

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Friday, 13th September, 2019

Dear Children,

Welcome to Year 6, your last year at St Joseph's! You have finally reached the top of the primary school and we are sure the journey did not take as long as you expected. We have now settled into our new classroom and this year will race by very quickly, so we do hope that you will enjoy it.

To prepare you for the transition to High School you will be having homework most nights. This will be recorded in homework diaries so please bring these to school every day. It is very important for you to always complete your homework not only on time, but to the best of your ability. Remember also to bring your homework to school on the due date, as we often discuss and go through this together.

You will continue to have spellings to learn and there will be a spelling test every week. We would like to remind you again that learning spellings is important for all written work, not just for spelling tests. Try to practise them every night, as spellings are for life and not just for a test! Even if you are a fluent reader, it is still important that you read as often as possible for periods of at least 15-20 minutes and do continue to read aloud to someone at home. You should record what you are reading (along with some comments) in your reading record books and have these signed by your parent at least twice a week.

Your main themes this term are World War 1 followed by World War 2, and we hope you will enjoy researching more about them. During our English sessions we will be using the book *War Horse* and we will have the opportunity at the end of the unit to watch the DVD. We will need your parents' permission, so if they could sign your homework diary giving their permission, we would be truly grateful. Sometimes you will be asked to research at home and bring information in for the next week. English and Maths will concentrate on the basics, consolidating previous knowledge learnt and strengthen it. In Science we will be looking at Electricity and Evolution It would be helpful for you to bring in a photo of both your parents by the end of this half term, please. We need to compare you with them. This term our main focus in RE is Confirmation, even if you aren't taking it. This is a very important sacrament and is where you strengthen your faith in God and the church. It is the start to your adult journey in the Catholic Faith. We will also be looking at the followers of Christ and how they lived their lives and the prayers which helped them in their lives. With this in mind, our prayer focus for this term will be the prayer to the Holy Spirit and the Magnificat.

We would like to say a particular thank you to everyone for coming to school with the correct equipment and for also remembering to label both school and PE uniforms. We do hope that you will continue to show this super attitude and work really hard this year. Please do remember that we always want you to come to school and go home from school happy, so let us know straight away if you are worried about either your work or anything else.

Enjoy the year!

Mrs Hackley and Mrs Yeomans, and Mrs Melhuish.