ST. JOHN'S C. OF E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL
BELIEVE AND SUCCEED

Working within the context of Christian beliefs and practice:

At St John's our children and their families always come first.

We value our children's feelings, creativeness and success in their learning equally, helping each child's love of learning grow, whilst also developing their interior posture.

At St John's our Core Christian Values are

Compassion Interior Posture

Wisdom Courage and Endurance

Life in all its fullness at its heart

John 10:10

Year 6

Autumn 1

Adults who work in our Year Group

Mrs Child – Assistant Headteacher and Maple teacher 	***Mr Lupton – Deputy Headteacher and Maths teacher.*** 	***Mr Firth – PE lead Teacher*** 	***Mrs Mitchell – Music Teacher*** 
Mr Duthoit - Oak teacher 	***Miss Simpson – Cover Supervisor*** 	***Miss Fisher – Cover Supervisor*** 	

Mrs Shields – Lead Learning Mentor	Mrs Baker – SENDCO	Mrs Smith – KS2 Learning Mentor	Mrs Cooper – Learning Support Assistant
			

English
In English, we will be reading 'Hidden Figures. We will be completing a range of writing and reading objectives to support the understanding of the text.
Maths
Our maths learning this half term will be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages.
Science
Our Science learning will focus on 'Classifying things and their habitats'. Children will describe how living things are classified and give reasons for these based on specific characteristics of the animal or plant.
Religious Education
Our RE big question is, 'Why do some people believe in God and some people not?' During our learning, we will be defining the terms 'atheist', 'theist' and 'agnostic'. We will be understanding and making connections between what religious and non-religious people do or do not believe about God and understanding how these beliefs affect people's and our own everyday lives.
Personal Social Health Education
In PSHE, we will be completing 'Celebrating Differences'. We will be learning about how there are different perceptions of what normal means, how being different can affect someone's life and empathise with people who are different
Computing
Our Computing skills will be focused on video creation using the Geography curriculum around Global Trade. Our learning will include using a green screen, split screen, using picture in picture tools and add animation subtitles to further enhance the creation.
Topic
DT – Our DT learning will focus on pulleys and gears. We will be investigating how these mechanisms work and creating our own Ferris wheel using them. Art – This half term we will be starting our unit of thoughtful mark marking including line drawing with a focus on the human face.
Music
Year 6 will be composing their own Christmas Song for performance in the Christmas Concert. During this process we will learn about chords, chord sequences, sections of a Pop song and what makes a good Melody. Children will develop their ability to perform with emotion using dynamic contrasts and following tempo as well as continuing their work on being able to hold a harmony.

Through all of this we will further embed the use of musical terminology and the elements of music.

Physical Education

Next half term KS2 will start two new topics in PE. The first one is serve-Strike-Rally where children will be developing the skills used in net sports such as badminton and tennis. The children will participate in a range of activities and small sided games. The second topic is Look-Run-Evade. The children will develop a wide range of skills focusing on dribbling, running and passing around defenders. The children will develop their skills and apply them in small, sided invasion games.

French

In French this half term we will continue to listen, speak, read and write basic French phrases in the unit "presenting myself".

May the LORD cause you to flourish, both you and your children. Psalm 115:14

Additional Information

Each week our Physical Education lessons are on a Monday. As you are aware, children should now be coming to school wearing their school PE kit for the full day. The school PE kit consists of plain black (no logo) tracksuit bottoms or shorts or leggings, plain white t-shirt and purple hoodie.

Please encourage your child to complete Reading Journals based on books they have read. The reading journal activity booklets provide guidance on how to complete these. We will also study some of these in class. Each term, there will be an opportunity to attend a book chat with Mr Knight – hot chocolate included!

Passport tests take place on a Tuesday and Thursday in Year 6. By the end of Year 6, we would expect most children to have passed Globetrotters. Please encourage your child to practise their passport skills using the passport practise sheets that are on the reverse of the test.

Please also remember we have access to TT Rockstars and encourage children to use this often.

Please support your child in ticking off some of their Personal Development targets in order for them to receive a certificate and a badge at the end of this half term.

Here is a link to Reading, Writing and Maths homework sheets on the school website. The reading sheet details which question types children need to be able to answer for their end of year tests (depending on their reading group). The Maths sheet includes strategies we use for four operation questions. The writing sheet includes information about handwriting, grammar and Y5/Y6 statutory spellings. In Year 6, children will be given compulsory Maths and English homework after Christmas.

Knowledge Organisers will be uploaded to the school website every half term for you to access. These can be used to ask your child about their learning if you wish.

Please see the link to the St John's Uniform Policy - St Johns CE Primary School - Uniform

Spelling homework has now started. Each week, children will receive a spelling homework sheet for parents and carers to use to support their child to learn these spellings. We will also practise these spellings and spelling rules each day in the classroom. There is a video that is uploaded each week that will support parents and carers to help their child at home.

If you have any queries, please do email the year 6 email addresses at:
year6.maple@stj.bdat-academies.org
year6.oak@stj.bdat-academies.org

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Child and Mr Duthoit

Online Safety

We value the importance of eSafety at St John's CE Primary. Click the image to take you to our dedicated page on the school website. You can also find updated support through the app on the 'Content' page.

