

Year 6
Class Information
2023-2024
Autumn Term



St Thomas of Canterbury School

Year 6 Autumn Term 2023

What a wonderful start to the Autumn Term we have had in Year 6! I have really enjoyed getting to know the class and am looking forward to a successful and exciting year. This newsletter contains details of the topics we will be covering this term, our timetable, and important information about homework, which I hope you find helpful. Please be sure to check the school newsletter for further information about open afternoons, parents evenings and other events happening in school.

Homework expectations

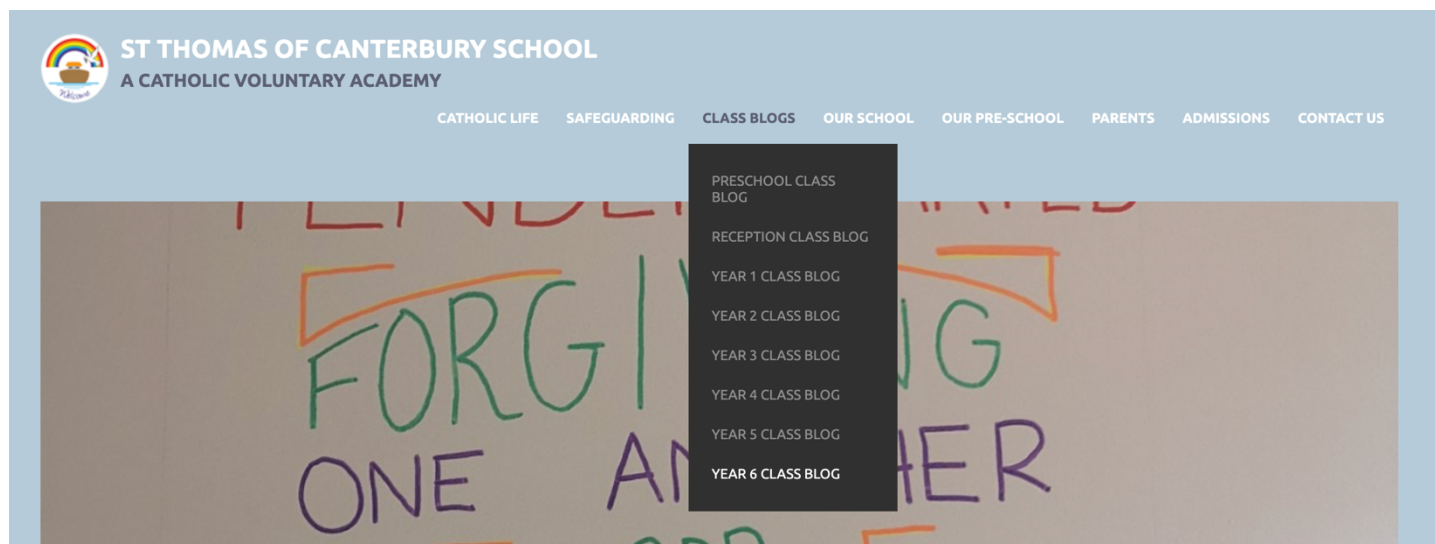
This is set online each Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Children have been provided with their login cards for these platforms.

- Rockerbox reading- Non-fiction reading and comprehension tasks appropriate to the learner's ability. It is also strongly recommended that your child engages in reading for pleasure every day.
- EdShed- spelling, punctuation and grammar activities linked to prior or current learning.
- MyMaths- activities and tasks linked to prior or current learning. Children are also expected to engage with daily times tables practise via Times Tables Rockstars (5 minutes)
- LetterJoin- handwriting and presentation activities linked to current learning.
- Occasional project-based homework linked to the current topic which should be shared/showcased.

A summary of the weekly homework tasks will be available on the class blog for your reference.

Class blog

Last year, the relaunch of the class blogs was very successful. We have loved being able to share information and examples of children's learning. If you would like to give your consent for your child's picture to be used on the blog where relevant, please contact Miss Schofield in the office. The class blogs are accessible via the school website (see image below), and you can enter your email to receive a notification when we post something new.



Keeping in Touch

As parents, you are the first educators of your child and at this school we recognise that the partnership between home and school is fundamental to a child's success. The school staff team are always happy to see parents during the week before or after school to pass on brief messages, and you are welcome to make an appointment if more time is needed. Please continue to use the below email address to contact class teachers.

E-mail address: enquiries@st-tc.co.uk

Curriculum Expectations

It is our expectation that most of our pupils will be working at the standard expected for their year group and many will be working at greater depth within their year group's curriculum. There will be differentiation within class to ensure that all children are able to access the learning, and all are challenged appropriately. If a child is finding it difficult to operate in class within their year group's curriculum, the class teacher will be in touch to discuss strategies to implement at home and at school to address any gaps in understanding as quickly as possible. If we feel that a child might benefit from some additional support with their learning, we will discuss appropriate steps with you in consultation with Mrs. Heaton, our SENDCo.

What will we be learning about this half term?

Religious Education

Branch 1- Creation and Covenant – Exploring the second account of Creation, The Fall and St John’s Gospel prologue. Learning how science and religion can be compatible when studying the beginnings of the universe.

Branch 2- – Prophecy and Promise – A special time for Christians. We will learn about some prominent women of the Old Testament and explore how women are responding to God’s call in their lives today.

English

English Mastery

Whole Class Text: Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Writing Genres: Recount, descriptive, narrative, information.

Mathematics

This term we will be working on integers & decimals, multiplication & division, calculation problems, fractions and angles and missing lengths.

We will be completing weekly arithmetic tests, modelling & feedback to support children with their learning.

Science

Our science topic this half term is ‘Classification. Next half term, we will study ‘Healthy Bodies’- learning about the circulatory system and what constitutes a healthy lifestyle.

Computing and Online Safety

Communication & collaboration- learning how data is transferred over the internet, through addressing and data packets. We will look at online communication and collaboration- completing shared projects using online resources. We will then move onto coding, learning how to build layers of code to make multi-functional activities online.

We will also learn about bias and echo chambers in online safety, as well as having regular reminders and discussion about responsible online behaviour and safety.

Physical Education and Sport

Autumn Term 1- tag rugby
Autumn Term 2- Gymnastics

Spanish

Weekly 1-hour lessons from Mrs. Pruna-Salado focusing on vocabulary and fluency.

History/Geography

The Maya Civilisation / The Impact of War

Art + Design

2D drawing to 3D making

Design Technology

Textiles- combining different fabrics and shapes

Personal, Social and Health Education

Friends & family- stereotypes and acceptance of others
Online safety – bias, echo chambers
Community- prejudice (history & what to do if we encounter it)
RSE (TenTen Live to the Full)
Calming the storm- emotional regulation
Gifts & talents, girls bodies, boys bodies, spots & sleep

Music

Charanga Model Music Curriculum Scheme Year 6 Autumn 1–
How does music bring us together?

SATs

Throughout the autumn term, we will begin to prepare our Y6 children for their SATs that will happen in May 2024. We do this through a combination of mock tests and interventions. To reach all the children for their various areas for support, these interventions will take place in short bursts throughout the day, with a ‘little and often’ approach. This is carefully designed to have the biggest impact on outcomes, with a little disruption to their usual class learning as possible. Some interventions will be one to one, whilst others will be in small groups. A SATS information evening for families is scheduled for **Wednesday 18th October 18:00-19:00**, where we will share more information about the SATs and answer any questions you may have.

Mental health is at the forefront of our minds during this challenging time for our children. We therefore also ensure we make time every day for a wellbeing check-in using the Zones of Regulation. We will also be encouraging the use of mindfulness strategies and techniques in school and at home.

Year 6 Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Handwriting and check in	Arithmetic and check in	Arithmetic and check in	Arithmetic and check in	Handwriting and check in
Whole school assembly	History	Key Stage 2 assembly	Science	Computing
RE		PSHE		
English	English	English	English	English
Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths Arithmetic
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Science	Music	PE	RE	Art/D&T
Maths Meeting	Maths Meeting		Maths Meeting	
RWI Spelling	RWI Spelling		RWI Spelling	
Grammar Masterclass	Grammar Masterclass	Spanish	Grammar Masterclass	PE
Handwriting	Collective Worship	Handwriting	Collective Worship	Collective Worship
End of day routines	End of day routines	End of day routines	End of day routines	End of day routines