



# St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy



## Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 6, your child's final year of Primary Education and special in many ways. We hope to make it an enjoyable and exciting time for learning and developing personal social skills. Our curriculum is full and varied and it is our intention to keep you fully informed of how it is delivered and the topics studied. You are always welcome to discuss any part of school life with us and if you have any concerns we will always be willing to help.

### Our Curriculum:

#### **Mathematics:**

We revisit and develop further skills and strategies to use in:

- Place value, ordering & rounding
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Fractions, percentages and decimals
- Geometry (angles, areas, perimeters, properties of shapes and symmetry)
- Measures
- Statistics (handling of data)

Please continue to support your child in encouraging them to learn multiplication tables. Also ensure that they complete homework tasks.

#### **English:**

In English we explore the following genres:

##### **Fiction:**

- Extended Narrative
- Personification Poetry
- Classical Poetry

##### **Non Fiction:**

- Letter writing, formal & informal
- Non-chronological reports

#### **Science:**

Science units of work involve methods of enquiry and investigation. Scientific facts are taught, but more importantly, they are used to further learning and understanding. The aim is to develop an enquiring mind and the skills and techniques to find the answers to questions in a reliable and systematic way.

The main units this term are:

- Evolution & Inheritance
- Light

You can help your child by discussing inherited features and characteristics and supporting them with the occasional homework task.

#### **Computing:**

Y6 are timetabled to use the ICT suite on Thursday afternoons. This term we will be studying advanced digital art in Photoshop and computer aided design.

#### **R.E:**

This half-term, Year 6 will be thinking about the theme of Journeys and considering the question: 'How is life like a journey?'

#### **Music:**

This term the children will be studying Michael Jackson and looking at how his music has contributed to the development of pop music. This will include learning to sing some of his songs and playing parts on instruments.

### Our Learning Challenges:

#### **Why can I roll my tongue?**

Children study fossils to help them understand the past before looking at inheritance and evolution and how offspring vary from their parents. We will study how animals adapt to their different habitats.

#### **Why can't I see in the dark?**

Children study how light travels and demonstrate how we see objects. They look at why shadows have the same shape as the object that casts them and explain how simple optical instruments work, e.g. periscope, telescope, binoculars, mirror, magnifying glass etc.

#### **Who were The Aztecs?**

Our Geography units will explore the continent of South America and focus on the rainforest biome. In History we will explore the ancient Aztec civilization before using this as inspiration for our Art and DT projects.

**Recommended Websites** [www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/](http://www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/)

**Twitter Accounts to follow**

### Home Learning:

**Reading:** In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school **EVERY MONDAY** and we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. These books are intended as 'home' readers, as the children read a separate text in their English lessons.

**Spellings:** A spelling list will be given to children every Monday. Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Monday.

**English Homework:** A piece of English homework will be given out every Monday and should be returned to school by the following Monday. This may be handed in before then.

**Maths Homework:** A piece of Maths homework will be given out every Thursday and should be returned to school by the following Monday.

### A message from the PTFA...

The PTFA would like to thank you for your continuous support and commitment. Last year was another successful year for the PTFA, with a wide range of events raising money to purchase new resources and support school themed events and Dance Festival, which all impact on the children's education. We would welcome any suggestions for future fundraising events.



