



Welcome to Elder class: the final year at All Saints'. We are looking forward to working with you and your child during the academic year. Year 6 promises to be a hardworking, exciting and immensely rewarding year.



Homework

All homework should be completed carefully and accurately in a quiet environment. Children should try hard to complete the work that is set, but we would not expect them to spend any longer than the allocated time (30 minutes maximum) on a particular piece of homework. Children should be encouraged to check their work thoroughly. If your child encounters any difficulties with homework set, please ask them to write a note on the homework itself and hand it directly to Mrs Bigg or me to inform our assessments and to enable us to provide additional support if required.

Over the course of the week the children in Year 6 will be given the following homework:

- One piece of English work – set Thursday and due in following Monday
- One piece of Maths work – set Monday and due in Thursday
- 15 minutes of reading per night

In addition, I will set a half-termly project style piece of homework linked to a foundation subject like science, history, music or geography.

Homework will commence next week (Monday 9th September). The children will have a maths homework folder and an English homework folder to enable us to have time to mark each piece of work. Additional 'home learning tasks' might be sent home for maths from time to time: these will not be in the folder but on a piece of paper and will be due in the next day. These tasks should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

Reading

We place a great emphasis on reading at All Saints' and feel it is very important that the children read every night. I have seen first-hand the difference reading can make to a child's writing and having good comprehension skills will be incredibly important after transition to key stage 3 at the end of the year. In year 6, we expect the pupils to be reading independently for **at least 15 minutes daily**.

PE/Games

PE –Tuesday afternoon **after** half term.

PE (coach) Wednesday afternoon – tag rugby for first half term and gymnastics for second half term.

On PE days, the children may come to school in their PE kits and remain in them all day.

Upcoming events

We are very excited to be taking part in the Theatre Royal's Shakespeare Takeover Project this half term, which will culminate in a performance on Tuesday 22nd October. The children will have a drama session with David Whitney from The Theatre Royal starting next week (Monday 8th) and continuing on Monday afternoons until half term. **This session will replace one of our PE sessions for the first half term.** The children will be attending a professional performance of Twelfth Night on Tuesday 17th September. If you have not completed the consent form for this trip, can I please ask you to do so at your earliest convenience as we cannot take children on the trip if we do not have parental consent.

I have managed to find a residential centre which will cater for smaller classes and a letter will be sent home this week with more details. Providing we have sufficient numbers of children wishing to take part in the visit, it will take place in December.

Parents' evenings are coming up at the end of this half term (week commencing 21st October); these will, once again, be via Zoom or telephone. Further details will be sent home in due course.

This term in brief:

Maths	Place value and rounding; Mental and written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; Multiples, factors and prime numbers; Order of operations; Fractions – simplifying, adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, decimal and percentage equivalents, compare and order fractions; converting measures.
English	Visual literacy <i>Wing</i> : narrative, descriptive writing; <i>Twelfth Night</i> : drama, playscripts, performing, diary entry; World War I: <i>One Boy's War</i> , <i>In Flanders Field</i> - diary entry, letters, non-chronological reports. <i>Skellig</i> - descriptive writing; <i>Tuesday</i> – formal reports.
History	World War I – why did WWI start? What was life like in the trenches?
Geography	How is climate change affecting the world? Why is fair trade fair?
Science	Classifying plants and animals Electricity
PE	Tag rugby; gymnastics; dance
Art/DT	Observational drawings based on work by Hundertwasser; printmaking based on sea/coastal lino prints
Music	Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts.
French	Le Week-end; Les vêtements
PSHE	E-safety; anti-bullying
ICT/Computing	E-safety; Search engines
RE	Christianity – Jesus as God incarnate & trinity; Buddhism – The Triple Refuge

General

If your child travels to or from school independently, please send me an email so I have written authority to release them at the end of the day (even if they did this last year). Remember if a mobile phone is brought into school, it must be handed in at registration time and will be given back at home time each day.

If you have any queries/concerns about your child or anything school-related, please do not hesitate to drop me an email at S.Kemp@allsaintsprimary.org. I will always endeavour to answer emails as soon as I see them although please be aware that I might not see an email during the school day so if it involves collection information and I do not respond, please telephone the school office to confirm arrangements.