

Parent Information Sheet

Autumn Term 2026

Year 6 St Francis Class



The prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

Learning Journey

Welcome to Year 6 from Miss Hailstone, Miss Pescott and Mrs Masrani.

In the Autumn Term, our topic is 'An Awfully Big Adventure' with a focus on Ernest Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica in 1914. We will be holding a 'Survival Day', later in the term.

English

- Persuasive writing - in their study of Shackleton, the children will write 'in role' as a crew member.
- Non-Fiction - our work on biographies will be based around our topic 'An Awfully Big Adventure'. The children will research and write a biography of their chosen adventurer.
- Diary writing - our work will again be based on our topic and the children will write a diary entry based on one of the Endurance crew.
- Cross-curricular writing will incorporate diary entries and debate in our R.E. lessons and structured formal writing in both our science and history topics.
- Reading - children will learn the comprehension skills of inference & deduction, fact-finding, predicting and summarising, as well as increasing their reading fluency and stamina.

Maths

Our school has begun a new scheme this year: White Rose Maths. During this first term the children will spend time revisiting and developing their understanding of a range of topics including:

- Place value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions
- Measurement - converting units

Religious Education

Branch 1 - Creation and Covenant

The second account of Creation is one of the best-known and frequently misunderstood passages of the Bible. Children will learn that The Genesis account of Creation and Fall is not a literal scientific description, but expresses beliefs about God, the world, and human beings.

Branch 2 - Prophecy and Promise

When exploring the stories of some of the prominent women in the Old Testament, pupils will need to understand the context in which the stories take place, historically and culturally. Children will learn about Luke's emphasis on the role of women in the story of salvation.

Science

- **Evolution and Inheritance** - In this topic the children recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago; they will recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents and they will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.
- **Electricity** - In this topic, children will recap and develop their knowledge of circuit building. They will experiment with a range of electrical equipment, looking at features including voltage and insulators and conductors.

P.E.

Autumn 1:

Tag Rugby - Pupils will learn how to enter their opponent's territory with the ball and try to get into good positions. We will use strategic games to practise passing and defending.

Personal Fitness - Children will learn how to keep themselves healthy. They will learn circuit style training along with the science behind muscle groups.

Autumn 2:

Hockey - Children learn fundamental movement skills, including dribbling using a hockey stick and tactical understanding and basic rule of the game.

Gymnastics - Pupils will engage in activities to improve their strength, balance and flexibility. In Year 6, pupils learn how to perform and combine a range of movements safely and creatively.

Geography

Pupils will be identifying key continents, countries and seas; learning about time zones, lines of longitude and latitude, the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and the two hemispheres; comparing and contrasting countries and map reading. They will also explore the journeys undertaken by famous explorers, such as, *Christopher Columbus* and *Marco Polo*.

History

Our history topic will focus on World War I. Pupils will investigate the elements that led to the start of World War I, what life was like on the Western Front, advancements in warfare and they will investigate the end of World War I and what happened afterwards.

Design & Technology

Ration Cookery - Children will learn about the diets needed for polar expedition. They will then plan and cook their own polar expedition inspired food. Pupils will also look at the *Eatwell Plate* and discuss what a healthy diet includes.

ROAR Project - As part of the ROAR Project, children will have the opportunity to design, create, and promote a completely unique and original invention. They will use their creativity, problem-solving skills, and entrepreneurial thinking to develop their ideas and present them effectively.

Winners from our school will then progress to a wider competition, where they will compete against pupils from neighbouring schools for the chance to be crowned the overall local area champion. This exciting project encourages innovation, confidence, and teamwork while providing children with a valuable real-world learning experience.

Art

Still Life Artwork – Children will explore a variety of still life drawings and paintings. They will use tones when shading to create depth and explore painting techniques to create light and shadow.

Music

Children will explore rhythm and melody in singing, movement and dance. Children learn about beat, pitch and harmony culminating in an uplifting performance.

Children will also partake in Music lessons ran by the Diocesan School Singing Programme to develop their liturgical singing.

PSHE

Module one is called '*Created and Loved by God*'. Children will be engaged in reflection time with focus on their feelings about moving to a new class and the experiences they go through on a day-to-day basis. We will then move onto thinking about our different gifts and talents. Later on in the term, we will look at where babies come from. *You will be sent a school log in to the Ten:Ten parent portal by the office where you are able to view the resources we will be sharing in class.*

Computing

- **Communication** – Children will be able to recognise that data is transferred across networks using agreed protocols, choose methods of internet communication and collaboration for given purposes and evaluate different methods of online communication and collaboration.
- **3D Modelling** – Children will use digital tools to modify 3D objects and accurately size 3D Objects. They will also construct a 3D model that reflects a real-world object.

Spanish

The children will develop their oral, reading and writing ability within the topics of 'Habitats' and 'At School'.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday. This will include reading, spellings/handwriting and times tables.