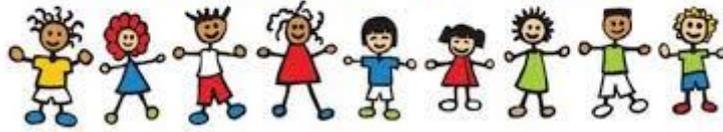


# Welcome to Year 6

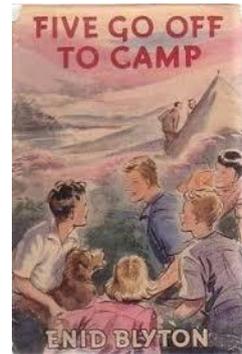


Dear Parents,

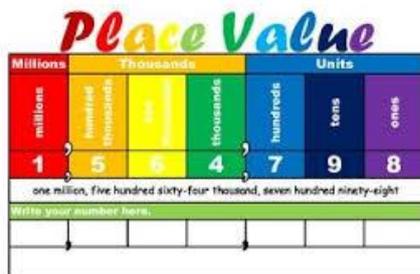
A warm welcome to Y6 after a lovely six weeks off! It has been so great seeing your children fresh faced and rejuvenated as they return to school; happy and excited to be back and ready to learn. I can't quite believe we are embarking on our Year 6 journey which will be the last for your children at Christ the King. Year 6 is a hardworking, stimulating and challenging year for both your child and yourselves and one in which we want to support you as much as we can. You will receive information about whole school issues through school newsletters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Y6 through a newsletter – so here is the first one of the year. Feel free to pop into our class if you feel you need more information or to have a look at your child's work. Thanks so much, Mrs Dennett and Mrs Shaw.



Autumn term has begun and we are in full swing with our **English** lessons. English throughout the year will cover a range of genres and will be closely linked to our History topic (where applicable) and have a text focus. The writing genres we will be looking at are Narrative (Famous Five) diary entries and letter writing with a WW2 focus. In our guided reading sessions we will practise comprehension skills, spelling skills and reading fluency to help our understanding of a text. Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practised daily in class throughout English lessons and will be expected in all Foundation subjects. We will use spellings from the Year 5 and 6 lists and explore how sentences can be written using different structures using semi-colons, colons and dashes and how speech is punctuated.



To begin our **Maths** learning this year, we are focusing on the four basic number rules so that we can use and apply them to all maths topics and in problem solving and reasoning type questions. Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily to improve our rapid recall skills as these are vital in all maths lessons. Please support your child in learning all of their times tables – a secure knowledge will make Year 6 maths much easier! The main areas we will cover this term are:



- Place value.
- Number sequences.
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Handling data.
- Shape and Space.
- Measures.

**RE** in Year 6 provides our children with the chance to be reflective, make links to their everyday lives and think about how scripture, hymns, prayers and sacraments can teach us more about God's love for us. The focus of this term's R.E work is Love and commitment where we will look at the love of our families and friends and discuss the idea that there are different types of love, including God's unconditional love for us. Our scripture work will help us to understand that forgiveness is an essential part of unconditional love and that we can grow in love and that God never stops loving. We will also look have a close look at vocation where we look at the sacrament of Holy Orders. We will also study Judaism.



We are beginning the Autumn term focusing on the topic of light in our **Science** lessons. We have already explored how we need light to see, how light is reflected and how periscopes allow us to see around corners! We will also focus on the topic of 'Living things and their habitats,' which links to our D&T project of building a bug hotel.

PE in Year 6 will have a large focus on healthy living, exercise and food choices and how these factors contribute to our lifestyle. On a weekly basis, we work as a whole year group to complete fitness circuits which develop our cardio vascular fitness, our strength and coordination. We also apply our improving fitness in a game situation such as quick cricket and rounders. With an upcoming athletics competition, we will also be focusing on different athletic events such as long distance running, sprints, throws and jumps. **Important note:** Please can all parents ensure that children have a Christ the King School PE kit. Football kits and other shorts and t-shirts should not be worn. Tracksuits are allowed for cooler weather.



**Computing** this year is beginning with a topic on how we keep our 'Online Lives' safe and secure. We cover issues such as online cyber bullying, social media awareness, online relationships and how we keep our personal information private. Please encourage safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks to keep all our children safe.

We are really looking forward to learning about World War 2 this year in our **History** and English lessons. In our topic, we will learn about the many causes of WW2 and how the war was started and the effect it had on life in Britain. Children will explore what life was like as an evacuee and hopefully take part in an evacuation day. We will also explore what daily life was like during the war and how this has effected Britain today. As it is also 100 years since the beginning of WW1 this year, we will also focus our reflections on this historical era.



Art, D/T and music this year will areas of the curriculum that are linked mainly with our History- World War 2. Children will make models, look at the music used in World War 2 and experience WW2 food too. Sketching will be our main art project this term, where we focus on pencil control, shading and tone to draw spitfire airplanes.

Children in year 6 are required to do **homework** almost every night. The amount of homework given is carefully thought out and should never take more than one hour to complete. Included (three nights per week) in this is 20 minutes reading. They should spend 10 minutes on tables and 10 minutes on spellings which are set every Wednesday. Thank you for your support. Each week they will also complete a grammar, punctuation or spelling task also.

