

# YEAR 6

## OUR LADY & ST JOSEPHS PRIMARY SCHOOL / AUTUMN TERM CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to OLSJ and to the start of Year 6. I am delighted to be teaching the children again this year and look forward to working with you closely this year. Our focus for the beginning of Year 6 will be settling the children back in and on their mental wellbeing. We will also be ensuring we focus on key aspects of Maths and English, in order to review any gaps in learning and prepare the children for Secondary School.

**Literacy:** We have begun reading 'There's a boy in the girls' bathroom,' which is a modern chapter book, all about acceptance. We will be focusing on different types of writing based around the novel, including: diary entries, letters, character and setting descriptions and making predictions based on evidence from the text. We will also be focusing on spelling, grammar, punctuation and our comprehension skills.

**Numeracy:** We will be focusing on many key areas in this first term, including:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.

We will also be focusing on improving our mental arithmetic and our written and verbal mathematical reasoning.

**R.E:** The topics we will be covering this term are Domestic Church- Family, Baptism/Confirmation-Belonging and Advent/Christmas-Loving. We will also be learning more about Judaism. We will be focusing on a variety of inspirational people throughout the term. Each week, we will continue to focus on the Gospel reading in the Word on Wednesday. We encourage parents to discuss the interpretation of the Gospel in order to consolidate the children's understanding.

**Science (this half term):** Animals including Humans and Living Things and their Habitats.

**ICT:** Using the internet to research information, E-safety and Digital citizenship. We will also continue learning more about coding.

**History and Geography (after October half term):** The Mayans: Why should we remember the Maya?

**Spanish:** Spanish will be taught throughout the year, often with cross curricular links. We will begin with reviewing Year 5 vocabulary.

**Art and Design:** We will be creating art work based on our topic areas and through R.E. We will also be using our sketch books to practise different elements of Art including sketching, pen drawings and using watercolours and oil pastels.

**P.E:** P.E will take place every Friday morning with Mr James.

Your support at home is invaluable in aiding your child's progression. Please encourage your child to read daily and engage in a wide variety of texts and also to review their timetables and spellings with them. I look forward to working with you all again this year.

Kind regards,

Ms Harries.

