



Welcome to St David's Class and Year 6



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Saint David's Class! I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead of us. If you do not already know, my name is Mrs Knight and I am the Year 6 Teacher. We also have Mrs Hamlin here to help us in our journey throughout the year. We both look forward to helping your child/children excel and reach their full potential in their final year at St Joseph's, and welcome any communication from you.

Topic

Our first term at a glance involves lots of learning in relation to 'Planet Earth'! Children are more than welcome to bring in any books or resources from home based around the topic... but please make sure these are clearly named or labelled.

Reading

Reading is so important in Year 6 as it helps to prepare them for the expectations at secondary school.

Reading at home is a real passion of mine and in my classroom, I have a fantastic selection of books available for the children to read. I would love all of the children within Saint David's class to read 5 times per week to an adult outside of school as well as to read by themselves e.g. before bed. You are able to document this in the children's yellow reading diaries and they can also use Track My Read. Any children fulfilling this task will be rewarded with a stamp towards their reading awards.

This term we will be reading our novel 'Orphans of the Tide' by Struan Murray and several picture books of the children's choosing including 'A Tower to the Sun' by Colin Thompson if you would like to purchase copies of these for your child/children to read.

General Reminders...

Water bottles

- Children should be bringing a water bottle in to school every day, and because they are Year 6, they are able to keep these on their table. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.

PE and Outdoor Learning

- PE will take place on a Friday afternoon, please ensure children wear their uniform to school. This includes trainers, a house colour top and navy/black shorts. **No Stripes or Logos.**
- Swimming will take place on Tuesday afternoons and children should be coming to school in PE kit on this day.
- Outdoor Learning will also take place on a Friday, please ensure waterproof clothing and a pair of wellies are in school for this.

Homework

Week to week a few things will be the same within our class.

Saint David's homework will be set on a Friday (online on Teams) and this will include:

- Spellings (green book) – These will need to be practised at home ready for a test every Thursday.
- Grammar, maths, reading or topic based work. This all needs to be completed and handed back in on the following Wednesday.



Please do not hesitate to contact me throughout the year. I will be available on the playground most days after school or you can make an appointment if needed. I am looking forward to another exciting school year and cannot wait to share this with all of the children!

Finally, I wanted to say that we have had a fabulous first week in class and thank you for ensuring that your child has come to school, looking smart, in the expected uniform.

Thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Knight