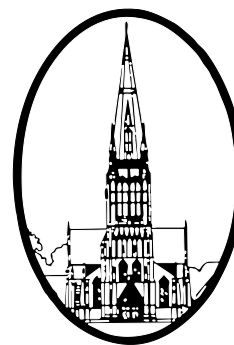


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be
 the best we can be.'*

Friday 1st November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had an enjoyable half term holiday. We had an excellent start to Year 6 last half term. The highlight of which was of course School Journey. We saw some amazing team work, courage and maturity there and this term we will continue working on working together positively and supporting one another.

Autumn 2 Overview

Here is an overview of the topics that will be covered in the different curriculum areas.

Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue to be using high quality texts from the Power of Reading programme to inspire us with our own fiction and non-fiction writing.
Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conjunctions Subordination Clauses and phrases Punctuation
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be working on finding evidence from the text to support an answer. Our books this term are: <i>Street Child</i> and <i>Rose Blanch</i>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fractions Decimals Percentages Geometry Measurement The four operations
Topic	<p>The Benin Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where and when the Kingdom took place Daily life in the Kingdom Beliefs and culture

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currency & trade • Why the Kingdom came to an end
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor PE (Wednesday) Dance • Outdoor PE (Friday) team games
PHSCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ways of dealing with or ending friendships • Forgiveness • To develop strategies to prevent bullying • To know how to keep safe in our local area • To recognise and challenge prejudice • To help students understand why people become asylum seekers and refugees
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should every Christian go on a pilgrimage? • How would Christians advertise Christmas to show what Christmas means today?

PE

Your child's PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit on **both** of these days.

Friday will be outdoor PE even in cold weather so you might want your child to have a jumper and/or jogging bottoms.

Homework and home reading

Homework will be sent out every **Friday** and returned the following **Thursday**.

Children are expected to read on a daily basis for 10 – 20 minutes. Please sign your child's reading log to say that they have done this. The Reading Record needs to come in every **Friday** with the whole week signed for.

Drinking water and fruit

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure your child brings in a **named** water bottle in school. Your child is also encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break time.

Punctuality

Finally, I would just like to remind you that the school gates open at 8.50am each morning and that your child should be settled in class by 9am when learning starts. So far I have been really impressed by the punctuality and attendance of Year 6!

Please remember that the school day ends at 3.30pm and that children must be collected on time. If you would like your child to be able to go home alone then please speak to Ms Kennedy in the school office. It is important that staff are able to

prepare lessons and attend staff meetings directly after school; therefore parents of children that are collected late will be fined £10.

I look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be a successful school term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and talk to me in the playground after school or make an appointment with me at the school office.

Yours Sincerely,
Ms. Power