

# 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 look forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks and working with you closely this year. Please read below for an outline of the learning we will be focusing on this term.

**Literacy:** We will be reading our class book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class.' which is a modern chapter book that focuses on new starts and friendship. 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 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:** 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.

**Geography:** 'Are we damaging our world?' A close up look at how we are affecting the world around us.

**History:** 'Did WW1 or WW2 have the biggest impact on our locality?' A local history study on the impact of war.

**Spanish:** Spanish will be taught throughout the year, often with cross curricular links. We will begin with reviewing Year 4 and 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 afternoon with Mr James. The children will need to come to school in their PE kits.

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 review their timetables and spellings with them. I look forward to working with you all this year.

Kind regards,

Ms Harries.

