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## Your Child in 5/6G Summer Term 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Below, you will find an outline of the topics that your child will be learning about this term. In addition to providing you with an insight into the curriculum areas that will be covered until the end of the Summer term, it is hoped that this information will also assist in supporting your child's home learning activities.

This term, the children in year 6 will also be carefully supported as they prepare for their end of year assessments and secondary school transfers.

### English

Pupils will continue to revise a variety of genres and writing styles such as descriptive writing, Newspaper reports and balanced arguments. We will continue to explore punctuation and grammatical rules with spelling tests being held each week.

**Reading** continues to remain a vital part of your child's education. In class, your child will continue to develop their reading skills during whole class guided reading sessions where we will focus on inference, deduction and comprehension skills. Children should be reading at home every evening and should be able to demonstrate a clear understanding of the texts that they are reading. Children can read a variety of texts but they should include a novel or chapter book and children must record their reading in their reading records. **It is important that your child's reading record is signed regularly at least twice per week to confirm that they are reading.**

### Maths

#### **Year 5**

Your child will cover topics including: fractions, decimals and percentages; calculating with whole numbers and decimals; converting units of measure and problem solving. Children are expected to be fluent in their times tables and will be tested on this regularly.

#### **Year 6**

Your child will cover a variety of topics including: problem solving; shape and space topics; ratio and proportion; fractions, decimals and percentages. Pupils will be encouraged to develop their mental maths through timed activities. We will also begin transitional work to prepare them for KS3.

### Religious Education

In RE this term, the children will be learning about the following topics:

**Witnesses** - Children will learn about the importance of having courage in the society in which we live today and the importance of having courage to speak up when we see something happening that shouldn't be happening.

**Healing** - Children will learn about the importance of helping those who are ill and possibly even terminally ill to make their lives as comfortable as possible. Children will learn about the power of the Anointing of the Sick.

**Common Good** - During this topic, the children will be combining the previous topics that they have been learning about all year to embed the idea that we work together in unity for the good of all people.

### Science

**Evolution and Inheritance**- Children will learn about evolution, adaptation and fossils.

### History

**Maya Civilisation**- Children will learn about significant individuals and events; ancient beliefs and traditions; make comparisons and establish links between British history and other relevant aspects of world history.

### Geography

**South America**- Pupils will explore the human and physical geography of South America.

### Computing

**Blogging**- Children will be learning to communicate and collaborate online using a class blog; demonstrating respectful and safe behaviours.

**Spreadsheets**- Children will collect, analyse, evaluate and draw conclusions from data, such as through survey, database or spreadsheet.

### **Art**

Children will be learning about the history of Modernism, as well as its distinct features, and will create their own interpretations.

### **DT**

Children will explore electrical systems, mechanisms and structures by designing their own fairground.

### **Music**

For the first half term, the children will focus on Pop Music: Arrangements and Chords. In the second half term, the children's topic will be, Creating music for Film and TV: Character, Atmosphere and Environment.

### **Spanish**

The children will revise and extend core vocabulary in Spanish. Topics will include the Spanish Painter Sorolla. They will learn to describe paintings, give reasons for their likes and dislikes, express their feelings and write a poem in Spanish. They will continue to develop reading and writing skills, producing more complex sentences and texts. They will present information to the each other in Spanish with increasing confidence. They will acquire about language learning skills, learn to give opinions and explore aspects of grammar such as prepositions, quantifiers, phonics, verb tenses and conjunctions.

### **Physical Education (PE)**

Pupils will have teacher led and coached sessions where they will gain various skills in a variety of athletics and multi sports activities. PE will take place every Thursday and children are expected to arrive at school wearing their full St Charles PE kit on this day.

### **PSHE**

The children will be exploring the topics of:

- Healthy Lifestyles
- Democracy and Decision
- Aspirations and Careers
- Transitions (year 6)

During this term, the children in year 6 will also attend a relationships conference. More details of this event will follow shortly.

### **Homework**

As a reminder, homework will generally be as follows:

Monday	Spellings (to be handed in on Friday)
Tuesday	Maths (to be handed in by Thursday)
Friday	English + any Topic work (to complete over the weekend)

Your child will be told how to access their homework. In addition to set homework, children will be asked to complete any unfinished class work at home. As we approach end of year assessments, the children in year 6 may also be expected to complete revision at home. Please discuss with your child the importance of finishing all class work and homework on time and to their highest standard.

### **Equipment**

Where possible, please ensure your child has their own pencil case containing: pencils, a rubber, a sharpener, coloured pencils, a ruler and a glue stick. Children should also bring a clearly labelled water bottle to school each day.

Finally, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to a successful Summer term. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly via the class email address ([56g@st-charles.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:56g@st-charles.rbkc.sch.uk)). Alternatively, please request a call back by contacting the office.

Best Wishes,  
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