



KINDNESS CLASS

Year 6 with Mrs Pierse and Mrs O'Callaghan

Spiritual	Trusted	Resilient	Inquisitive	Valued	Exceptional
* Lead class prayers and worship * Lead whole school mass and liturgies * Seek time for personal reflection * Strengthen your own beliefs and values; respecting those of others.	* Pose ideas and listen to feedback * Restore and Repair relationships with others * Take responsibility for own learning- in school and outside of school * Be a positive ambassador for St. Simon's	* Embrace and initiate challenges * Welcome critique and act upon it * Learn and build on prior experiences * Persevere with difficult tasks	* Evaluate effectiveness of resources/research * Develop your sense of wonder * Seek and act upon advice/expertise * Try something new	* Participate in group and pair work – evaluate the effectiveness of roles/contributions * Celebrate success (own and others) * Contribute to the school community * Commit to ideas that aren't my own	* Develop and consolidate strengths * Seek out challenge * Reflect upon growth and development * Be the best that you can be

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At St Simon's, we use the acronym **STRIVE** to guide and inspire us in all that we hope to become. Each attribute within **STRIVE** encourages us to aim high and to be the very best version of ourselves, each and every day.

This academic year, our focus is on what it means to be **valued** in all that we do. For Year 6, this means living out the gospel value of **kindness** in everything we do. We will reflect on how our words, choices and actions can demonstrate care and respect for others, ensuring that everyone feels included and appreciated.

We take inspiration from Jesus, who showed **kindness** to all he met, especially those who were lonely, excluded or in need. Like Him, we will challenge ourselves never to give up on showing love and compassion, even when it is difficult.

Class Dojo

The school uses Class Dojo as a way to promote **STRIVE** as well as being an opportunity for you to contact Mrs Pierse about any query you may have. Please make sure you have signed up so that we can share all our learning with you.

PE

PE takes place every Tuesday and Thursday. On these days, children will be expected to attend school in their PE kit, which consists of navy blue joggers/leggings, a pale blue polo shirt and their normal school jumper/cardigan.

Block 1

Welcome to Block 1! This term, our learning is driven by the question:

“How do communities take responsibility for living things and what can the Mayans teach us about change in nature and civilisation?”

Across our subjects, we will be exploring the themes of change, community, and responsibility. In RE, we will reflect on Creation and Covenant - considering Christian beliefs about how people are called to live in harmony with God, one another, and the world.

Using our new literacy scheme, our lessons will centre on Rose Blanche, a powerful story about a young girl in Nazi Germany who witnesses her community change as war takes hold. Through her eyes, we will explore courage and responsibility, producing a diary entry and a bravery speech that give voice to her experiences.

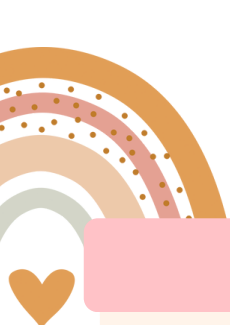
In maths, we return to the Number strand, revisiting the key skills from Year 5 and extending them further. Children will deepen their understanding of place value and build confidence in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In science, we will extend our knowledge of biology with our topic ‘Living Things and Their Habitats’, where we will focus on classification, evolution and inheritance, developing our understanding how living things are grouped, how they adapt and how they change over time.

By weaving these subjects together, the children will not only gain knowledge and skills but also reflect on the bigger ideas of responsibility within communities - both in the past and today. It promises to be a rich and thought-provoking start to the year.

Key Dates

- Friday 12th September: Y6 and Reception special friends’ assembly
- Thursday 18th September: St James’ open evening
- Thursday 25th September: School photographer in (pupils and siblings)
- Thursday 25th September: Celebration of the Word, Y6 classroom (3 pm)
- Tuesday 30th September: 2nd payment for Robinwood due
- Thursday 2nd October: Harrytown open evening (4.30 - 7.30 pm)
- Friday 3rd October: PTA Family Night
- Thursday 16th October: Maya Workshop immersion day
- Friday 24th October: Y6 liturgy (2.45pm, school hall)



Homework

Please see below for the homework schedule. If your a child/children is a free reader they will take turns with staff to choose their books to ensure they are exposed to a variety of genres. Regardless of what day your child finishes their book, we will endeavour to change it for them (time allowing).

All homework is to be completed for the following Thursday.

	Reading books	Homework set
Monday		
Tuesday	Change reading books (if needed, reading records to be checked)	
Wednesday		
Thursday		Maths homework book collected in
Friday	Change reading books (if needed)	Maths homework book goes home Spellings - Set every Friday, tested the following Friday. Reading eggs TT Rockstars (optional)

Thank you for your continued support to aid your child's development and progress. The partnership between school and home is crucial to reinforce concepts learnt and enable your child to reach their full potential.

Mrs O'Callaghan and I are looking forward to what next block ahead holds.

If you have and questions or queries, please contact Mrs Pierse on Class Dojo.

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