



KINDNESS CLASS

Year 6 with Mrs Pierse and Mrs O'Callaghan

Spiritual	Trusted	Resilient	Inquisitive	Valued	Exceptional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Embrace and initiate challenges * Welcome critique and act upon it * Learn and build on prior experiences * Persevere with difficult tasks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Evaluate effectiveness of resources/research * Develop your sense of wonder * Seek and act upon advice/expertise * Try something new 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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 Friday. 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 3

In block 3, our learning was guided by the question: How do power, sustainability and creativity shape the way humans use energy, explore the planet and design for the future?

Children explored this big idea across several engaging subjects. In Science, pupils learned about electricity, discovering how circuits work and how electrical energy is used safely in everyday life.

In Geography, children explored climate zones and biomes, with a particular focus on the Arctic and Antarctica. This helped them to understand how environments differ across the world and how humans adapt to extreme conditions.

A highlight of this block was our residential trip to Robin Wood, where pupils took part in outdoor and team-building activities. This experience encouraged independence, resilience and cooperation, while helping children connect their classroom learning to the real world. We had so much fun and made memories to last a lifetime!

Block 4

This block, our learning will be guided by the question: How do tradition, pride, and influence shape cultures, cuisines and our understanding of the world? Children will explore this big idea across a range of subjects.

In literacy, pupils will be developing their writing skills through creating a documentary narrative, a balanced argument, and a "hunted" narrative, building on their ability to write for different purposes and audiences.

In maths, we will be revising and consolidating key learning from across the year, strengthening confidence and fluency in preparation for high school.

In Geography, children will begin their study of North America, comparing England with the USA to deepen their understanding of similarities and differences between countries, including culture and lifestyle.

In Science, pupils will be learning about light in Physics, exploring how light travels, how we see objects and how shadows are formed.

Key Dates

- Monday 4th May: School closed (Bank Holiday)
- Thursday 7th May: School closed (INSET)
- Friday 8th May: Fun Friday
- Friday 22nd May: Year 6 assembly and school closes (half-term)
- Monday 8th June: School re-opens
- Friday 12th June: Talent show
- Wednesday 17th June & Friday 19th June: Father's Day Sale.
- Friday 26th June: St Peter and Paul's mass St Peter's Church.
- Monday 6th July: KS2 sports day
- Tuesday 7th July: Year 6 performance
- Thursday 16th July - Leavers mass
- Friday 17 July: Leavers assembly and school closes (summer holidays)



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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