



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 2

During Block 2, our learning was guided by the question: How do fear, reform and responsibility influence the way humans treat each other and care for their health?

Children explored this idea across a range of subjects. In History, pupils studied Changes in Punishment Over Time, learning how fear was used in the past and how reform led to fairer and more humane justice systems.

In Science, children learned about the circulatory system, as well as the impact of diet, exercise and drugs. This helped them understand how personal choices can affect their health and wellbeing.

In PE, pupils continued with rugby sessions and took part in forest school. These activities helped to build confidence, resilience, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Finally, in Design and Technology, children designed and made a Christmas decoration as a special keepsake to remember their time at St Simon's.

Block 3

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

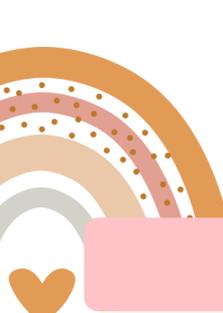
Children will explore this big idea across several exciting subjects. In Science, pupils will be learning about electricity, discovering how circuits work and how electrical energy is used safely in everyday life.

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

A highlight of this block will be our residential trip to Robin Wood, where pupils will take part in outdoor and team-building activities. This experience will encourage independence, resilience and cooperation, while helping children connect their classroom learning to the real world.

Key Dates

- Friday 13th February: Year 6 Assembly
- Friday 13th February: School closes for half term
- Tuesday 24th February: School reopens after half term
- Friday 27th February: St David's house to wear yellow
- Friday 6th March: World Book Day
- Tuesday 10th March: School photographer in (classes and teams)
- Tuesday 17th March: St Patrick's house to wear green
- Thursday 26th March: Parent/Teacher meetings (face to face)
- Thursday 2nd April: School closes for Easter 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 any questions or queries, please contact Mrs Pierse on Class Dojo.

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