**St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School**

**Headteacher: Mrs M Keating**

 “Learn, Love and Respect Through Jesus” St Francis of Assisi

##  CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

Friday 10th January 2025

Year 5/6 Curriculum Letter-Spring 2025

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts received by myself, Mr Booth and Mrs Hennessy.

This term staffing remains the same, with Mr Booth teaching Tuesday and Thursday mornings to cover my time out of class and Mrs Hennessy as the class TA.

We have a busy term ahead, but one full of lots of exciting learning opportunities! I will continue to summarise classroom learning each week on Seesaw, but here is an overview of our curriculum for this term.

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| RE | Catholic Social Teaching-Peace and Solidarity (Spring 1), Community and Participation (Spring 2). Our two main topics this term are ‘Inspirational People’ (the meaning of discipleship, the Beatitudes, and examples of people whose lives demonstrate them, Saints) and ‘Jesus the Messiah’ (the Transfiguration, events of Holy Week, the resurrection)We have a prayer service with Father John on Thursday 20th March at 2:45pm and would be delighted if parents could join us |
| Maths | Y5 Fractions B; Decimals and Percentages; Perimeter and Area; Statistics; ShapeY6 Decimals; Fractions, decimals and percentages; Area, perimeter and volume; Statistics; Shape |
| English | Persuasive Speeches; Survivors-Biography; Dialogue; Narrative-Fairy Tales |
| Science | Finishing ‘Out of This World Topic’, ‘Living, Growing and Changing’ |
| History | The Vikings |
| Geography | Our World in the Future. Understand changes in the UK |
| Computing | Year 5: Spring 1-Physical Computing, Spring 2 DatabasesYear 6: Spring 1-Variables in Game Design, Spring 2-Introduction to Spreadsheet |
| Art | Portraits-conveying emotions/facial expressions |
| D&T | (Y5 only) Making bread and savoury foods |
| PSHE | Spring 1: Dreams and GoalsSpring 2: Healthy Me |
| PE | Spring 1: Dance-CircusSpring 2: Gymnastics-Counter Balance and Counter Tension |
| French | Homes, Clothes, Planets (Mrs K Clark) |
| Music | Spring 1: A New Year Carol-Music of Benjamin BrittenSpring 2: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air-Old school Hip Hop and Rap |

This is an important term for Year 6 in the run up to SATS, and I will continue to set Booster homework each week. Please could you remind your child to bring in their completed work in their Booster files every Wednesday. Marking the work together and discussing any misconceptions or areas of difficulty is an important part of our preparation. Mr Booth and I are also running additional after school booster classes. If we felt your child would benefit, you will have already received an invitation letter. Most importantly, although a little pressure is beneficial, we don’t want any children to feel anxious about the SATs. If you, or your child have any concerns, or would like to know more about the SATS process, please contact me and we can work together to find ways to manage any worries.

Homework for Year 5 will also be set on a Wednesday and due the following week. Please ensure that spellings are being learnt effectively, as they are assessed in a range of ways the following week.

I look forward to working with you all throughout the term.

Kind Regards,

Mrs W Clark

*Assistant Head*