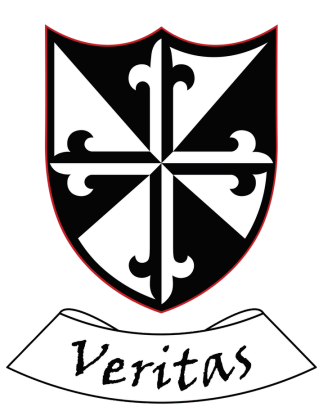


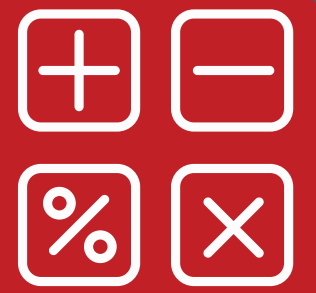
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Mathematics

Year 6 will begin by developing their understanding of numbers, including reading, writing, comparing, ordering and rounding numbers up to 10 million. We will revisit Roman numerals and negative numbers before developing efficient mental and written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, alongside learning about the order of operations.



English

During the first three weeks, pupils will strengthen foundational English skills, including handwriting, sentence structure, punctuation and expanded noun phrases. They will study *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold, exploring characters, using figurative language, writing in role and creating dialogue. Pupils will also write about polar bears for different audiences and learn to use the passive voice effectively.



Religious Education

This half term, we are starting the RED curriculum. In Branch 1, Creation and Covenant, we will explore the Church's teaching in *Laudato Si'*, including our role as stewards of creation. We will study original sin through the Creation story, learn about Jesus' new covenant with God, and reflect on how scientific discoveries deepen our appreciation of God.



Reading

In Whole-Class Reading, we will be reading 'Fly Me Home' by Polly Ho-Yen and practising VIPERS (Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve, Summarise).

In Story Time, we will be reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll.



Science

In Science, we will learn about the heart and its role in the circulatory system. The children will explore how blood and blood vessels transport oxygen and nutrients around the body. They will investigate the effects of exercise on pulse rate, understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle, and learn how drugs and alcohol can affect body functions.



Music / Latin / Computing

This half term, children will explore the Latin language through the exciting themes of *The Military Machine*, *Clean and Healthy*, and *A Soldier's Life*. They will learn how to give commands to more than one person, revise the use of adverbs, and expand their vocabulary. Alongside this, they will deepen their understanding of Roman history and daily life.





Art & Design Technology

In Art, the children will learn about perspective drawing, including how to use light and dark shading to create depth and how to establish a focal point. They will study the work of Renaissance artists who used perspective in their artwork before practising the skills needed to plan and create a final street-view piece inspired by their learning and research.

History / Geography

In History, our topic is The Suffragettes. The children will learn how democracy has changed over time and how suffrage societies campaigned for equal voting rights for women. They will explore how the suffragettes made their voices heard and study the role of local activist Alice Hawkins. Finally, they will consider different views on women's suffrage and its success.



Physical Education

In PE, Year 6 will develop their running, jumping and throwing techniques through athletics. In OAA, the children will take part in outdoor and adventurous challenges, working both individually and as part of a team. In fitness, they will learn how to maintain a sustained run by selecting an appropriate pace. Throughout all units, children will aim to improve and achieve their personal best.

PSHE

This term, the children will learn that each person is uniquely created and loved by God. They will explore how everyone is special, with different family backgrounds, gifts and talents that make them who they are. As part of their learning, they will begin to understand the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty and positive personal development.



Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 6 include:

- perspective
- function
- democracy
- value
- system
- unconditional

Class Notices

Thursday 24th September - Afternoon Police Workshop
Thursday 1st October - National Poetry Day
Wednesday 7th October - School Photos
Friday 9th October - Cinderella Panto



How parents & carers can help

- Regular reading, asking your child questions about their book.
- Complete any homework set.
- Learn to spell Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Statutory Words.
- Learn all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x12.