

# What are we learning about this term?

## Theme

Our theme this term is 'Moving on Up,' helping to promote a smooth transition to Secondary School. Our themes for collective worship this term are Compassion and Courage.

### English

Using a range of text types for inspiration, we will plan, draft, edit and write the following:

- Balanced argument
- Description
- Information
- Narrative
- Persuasive writing
- Recount

We will also complete a selection of 100 Word Challenges which enable independent, free writing on a range of topics.

As readers we will read and respond to:

- Continuing 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman.
- First News Newspapers
- Free choice of book within individual ZPD range followed by an AR quiz.

### **St Nicholas C of E Primary School**

#### **KS2 - Year 6**

#### **Moving on Up**



#### PGL

Our residential to PGL (Weymouth) takes place 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June. This will enable children to undertake a range of new activities, promoting team building and self confidence.

### Mathematics

We will cover the following topics:

- Revision of all the key topics covered in the Primary Curriculum in preparation for the SATs tests in May.
- Algebra
- Ratio & Proportion
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Geometry
- Problem solving & Investigations

### SATs

Until May 14<sup>th</sup>, much time will be given to support children in preparation for their forthcoming tests in maths, reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

## Transition

As part of the children's transition to Secondary School, we will complete a topic which will help prepare the children for their move in September. This will involve numerous cross curricular activities to encourage self-confidence and promote familiarity with the exciting changes when moving up to Year 7.

### Science and Foundation subjects

- As scientists we will continue to investigate the topic on 'Evolution and Inheritance' and also 'The Human Body.'
- In Religious Education, we will explore 'Creation and Science' and considering 'What matters most to Christians and Humanists'.
- As historians, we will research the history of education and learn more about famous natural disasters through time.
- As geographers, we will be planning school grounds, using maps and OS symbols as well as continuing to discover more about natural disasters.
- As designers we will be entrepreneurs undertaking an enterprise project.
- When using technology, we will create an informative presentation about our new Secondary School.
- In art we will focus on perspective, painting techniques and the artist Vincent van Gogh.
- As musicians, we will be focussing on standard notation and performance.
- As linguists we will be learning to understand some classroom instructions and identify classroom items.
- In PE, our dance topic is 'The Power of the Circle'. Athletic activities, cricket, rounders and tennis will be practiced throughout the term.

### Class Routines

- Planners need to be brought into class every day. These should be signed by an adult at least three times each week showing your involvement with your child's reading.
- Children will record their spelling test score and AR reading targets in their Planner. Spelling tests will take the form of a weekly dictation, using randomly chosen word from a given list of spelling patterns. Planners need to be signed every week to acknowledge these scores have been seen at home.
- Children are encouraged to complete AR book quizzes regularly in school and at least every fortnight.
- Maths homework will be set on a Wednesday to be completed 12 days later (Monday) using [www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com)
- A 'Work at Home' activity will be set on a Wednesday to be returned on the date specified 12 days later (Monday). Activities will cover a variety of subjects throughout the term.
- PE will be on Monday and Sport on Friday afternoon.