Termly Curriculum Overview

Year 5 & 6 – Summer 2026

All Saints Catholic Academy Trust

English

- Through the texts 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen and 'The Watertower' by Gary Crews and Steve Woolman we will explore mystery and suspense style writing. We will practise our own mystery writing thinking about our choice of language to give possibility for speculation.
- Next, we will be exploring 'The Lion Hunt' by Peter Paul Rubens, which will allow the pupils to write cohesive descriptions.
- Then, pupils will delve into Macbeth by William Shakespeare. They will look to gain an understanding of this complex play and use effective vocabulary in retelling the story.
- The children will also continue to practise their reading comprehension skills, with the Year 6 SATS approaching.
- Towards the end of the term, we will develop our oracy and drama skills by preparing, practising and performing the Year 6 production.

Science

- Properties & Changes of Materials - comparing different materials on the basis of properties, as well as investigating solubility and changing states using fair testing and comparative investigation.
- Animals including Humans – exploring the changes as humans develop to old age, with a particular focus on puberty.

PSHE/ RSE

- Year 5 & 6 will be looking closer at making good choices and the impact those choices have on their lives and lifestyles.
- The different types of abuse and bullying, looking closer at cyberbullying.
- The world of work and understanding of finances and money.

French

Children will be exploring how to describe the rooms in their homes. They will then build up their vocabulary by learning how to talk about what they do at the weekend.

History, Geography, Art, Design & Technology and Computing

- History: Our focus this term will be the Victorian era. We will explore the life of Queen Victoria, the inventions from the Industrial Revolution and leisure activities during this era.
- Geography: This term we will look to understand trade. The pupils will explore various supply chains and learn about Fairtrade products.
- Design and Technology: This term we will be further developing our engineering skills by learning about bridge structures and design.
- Art and Design: We will be painting and drawing this term, with a focus on still life. The children will create depth with tone and different shading technique and will then practise transferring their understanding of creating tones using pencil, to creating tints, tones and shades using paint.
- Computing: This term, we will be creating interactive quizzes on Scratch programming. They will then complete microbit challenges to enhance their coding skills.

Physical Education

- With our sports coach, the children will be playing rounders, practising their hitting, throwing and catching skills, before practising athletics as they approach sports day.
- We will also be continuing Gaelic Football ahead of a tournament, as well aslearning how to play volleyball, exploring the different hits and the importance of clear team communication.

Music

This term we will be composing music and also learning how to sing in a four-part round.

Mathematics

Year 5 will be learning about:

- Decimals
- Percentages
- Geometry
- Position and Movement
- Measurements
- Area and Perimeter
- Volume
- Roman Numerals

Year 6 will be learning about:

- Algebra
- Area and Perimeter
- Volume
- Geometry
- Position and Movement
- Graphs and Averages
- Negative numbers

Religious Education

- To the Ends of the Earth - The children will investigate how John's Gospel alludes to Jesus restoring humans' relationship with God. They will explore the disciples' experiences of Jesus following His resurrection, including the physical proof to Doubting Thomas and the gifting the Holy Spirit on the feast of Pentecost. We will analyse how John's Gospel concludes with a statement on believing without seeing.
- Dialogue & Encounter – The pupils will explore how Christianity promotes unity and love amongst all, entering dialogue with other faiths and worldviews. Then, we will learn about Buddhism as one of the Dharmic faiths, recognising links between beliefs, practices and ways of life.

Homework

- **English/Maths:** Homework is set to consolidate skills taught in class. Sent out on Friday to be returned the following Thursday.
- **Spellings:** New spellings will be set each week. There will also be a weekly test.
- **Reading:** The children are expected to read daily; we encourage them to continue to read to an adult twice weekly. Children can read books from home or from the school library and can change them independently when needed.