

Important dates and Celebrations:

Monday	1 st Nov	All Saints' Day	Christian
Tuesday	2 nd Nov	All Souls' Day	Christian
Thursday	4 th Nov	Diwali/Deepavali	Hindu Holiday
Friday	5 th Nov	Guy Fawkes Day	
Sunday	14 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday	
Friday	19 th Nov	Children in Need	Wear spots, bring £1 for Children in Need
Sunday	28 th Nov	First Sunday of Advent	
Monday	29 th Nov	<u>First Day of Hanukkah</u>	Jewish holiday
Tuesday	30 th Nov	St Andrew's Day	
Monday	6 th Dec	Last day of Hanukkah	Jewish holiday
Wednesday	8 th Dec	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Christian
Friday	17 th Dec	End of term	School finishes early
Tuesday	21 st Dec	December Solstice	
Friday	24 th Dec	Christmas Eve	
Saturday	25 th Dec	Christmas Day	Bank holiday, Christian holiday
Sunday	26 th Dec	<u>Boxing Day</u>	
Monday	27 th Dec	Bank holiday	
Tuesday	28 th Dec	Bank holiday	
Friday	31 st Dec	New Year's Eve	



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

RISE UP



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for another amazing half term. We are so proud of the hard work and progress from all children last half term, and we will work even harder to continue this level of progress. Thank you for your continued involvement in your child's learning – it is really important that they complete tasks such as daily reading plus, as this will really help to strengthen their comprehension skills. We would love as many pupils as possible to attend the residential trip to Ufton court at the end of term. It is an amazing opportunity and the price is absolutely fantastic and affordable. If you have any worries, concerns or questions, please speak to one of us, or call the office to book in a meeting. We can't wait!

Kind regards, Mr Jahedi

RISE UP

Autumn 2 2021

Maths

We will begin by using factors, primes and common multiples to solve problems, before moving on to using fractions. We will be finding equivalent fractions, converting to and from mixed numbers, as well as adding, subtracting multiplying and dividing them. We will then use these known facts to solve problems. We will continue to use the 4 main operations using formal methods, and focus on our times tables knowledge.

Writing

Using the speeches of the incredible Malala Yousefzai, we will be writing persuasive speeches arguing for children's rights. We will also look at Nelson Mandela's long road to freedom and create an autobiography on him. Finally, we will be writing our own protest and resistance poems focusing on the work of young artists and poets.

Computing

This term we will be using iMovie in order to create our own documentaries on some of the protests that we will study in History and Geography.

Reading

We will be looking at a variety of different texts, starting with extracts on significant figures in protest and black history season. We will focus on 'once' by Morris Gleitzman, and 'Now you see me' by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott. Finally, we will focus on Charles Darwin and his studies. Reading these books and extracts we will use the key skills of retrieval, prediction, summarizing, inference and deduction.

Science

This half term, we will be investigating the life cycles of plants and animals including how they reproduce. We will then consider how different species of animals share similar characteristics as a result of evolution and inheritance and how they are classified accordingly.

Music

This half term Year 6 will be composing and writing their own protest songs. With so many issues in society, the children will be using their musical creativity and voices to inspire their community to make a change.

This half term in Year 6...

History and Geography

In history, we will be looking at influential figures who have harnessed the power of protest to change the world. We will look at different forms of protest from letters, petitions, music and marching and their effectiveness to achieve change. We will look at historical protests in our local community from The Battle of Cable Street to Rock Against Racism in Victoria Park and Black Lives Matter.

Art

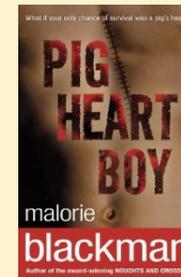
This term we will be creating some abstract art work linked to our topic on protests. We will also explore the ways that art can be used to express feelings and emotions.

Religious Education

Children will firstly explore the question 'Should every Christian go on a pilgrimage?' This will lead children to reflect on their own beliefs and the importance of pilgrimages for some people. We will then learn all about Christmas and consider the different ways that Christmas is advertised to reflect its meaning.

We are reading:

Pig Heart Boy
by Malorie Blackman



Can you please check your child's clothes regularly to ensure they are labelled so they are easily identifiable.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E. kit on **Monday & Friday** for their lesson.

Our residential trip to Ufton Court takes place from **Monday 13th December – Friday 17th December**. This is an amazing opportunity and we would love to have as many pupils as possible attend.

Please make sure to sign up to some of our fantastic clubs! Reading plus takes place every day, so if you are finding it tricky to do this at home, please sign up!