

Welcome to Year 6!

David Attenborough Class

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A warm welcome to Year 6!



Spiritual	Trusted	Resilient	Inquisitive	Valued	Exceptional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Lead class prayers and worship * Lead whole school mass and liturgies * Seek time for personal reflection * Strengthen your own beliefs and values; respecting those of others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pose ideas and listen to feedback * Restore and Repair relationships with others * Take responsibility for own learning- in school and outside of school * Be a positive ambassador for St. Simon's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Embrace and initiate challenges * Welcome critique and act upon it * Learn and build on prior experiences * Persevere with difficult tasks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Evaluate effectiveness of resources/research * Develop your sense of wonder * Seek and act upon advice/expertise * Try something new 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Participate in group and pair work – evaluate the effectiveness of roles/contributions * Celebrate success (own and others) * Contribute to the school community * Commit to ideas that aren't my own 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Develop and consolidate strengths * Seek out challenge * Reflect upon growth and development * Be the best that you can be

At St Simon's, we use the acronym **STRIVE** to remind us of all that we aspire to be. Remembering each of these attributes encourages us to **STRIVE** to be the best we can be, each and every day. For this academic year, we will be focusing on how we can be **Inquisitive** in all that we do, seeking to learn more, be more and make a real difference to those around us.



This year, as **Inquisitive** individuals, we will explore how we can take inspiration from significant individuals throughout history who may have pushed the boundaries, asked questions and yet, like Jesus, never gave up. We are **David Attenborough** Class. David Attenborough is a brave, tenacious and dedicated scientist who has spent his life dedicated to the care of our planet and its inhabitants. He is well known for being encouraging, committed and faithful to his passion of preserving the vast array of precious species here on Earth. We are keen to follow in his footsteps as Year 6 role models over our next year together.



Block 1

Our topic for the next 10 weeks is entitled 'Do all crimes deserve to be punished?' We will develop our understanding of Britain's history, considering how crime and punishment has changed over time, from the Romans right through to the present

day. We will think carefully about how Britain has learnt from the past and reflect upon how Britain's history can help us be positive and **inquisitive** citizens of our society today. During the next 10 weeks, we will particularly focus on the key concepts of **consequence, fairness** and **power**. Year 6 pupils will have lots of opportunities to share their own ideas, ask questions and even take part in their own court room drama! We can't wait to see how Year 6 develop their learning outside of the classroom through reading, arts and crafts – we're sure they will have some fantastic questions to investigate too!

P.E

P.E. will take place every **Wednesday**. The children will need to come to school on these days wearing their appropriate P.E. kits, including trainers and their school sweater.

Forest School:

For the first 10 weeks, the children will be participating in Forest School sessions on a **Friday**. The children will need:

- Waterproof coat (all weathers)
- Long sleeved top (all weathers)
- Full length trousers (all weathers)
- Wellies (all weathers)
- Warm socks and spare socks (if it is wet)
- Gloves, scarf and hat (in cold weather)



Homework

Reading

In Year 6, pupils are expected to read for **20 minutes** every evening. They must note in their reading records what they have read. The reading records will be collected in on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** so they can be checked in order for us to monitor the children's reading. If they complete a book, it will be changed on a Tuesday or Friday by staff. There is a box in class for pupils to place their completed book and reading record in on those days. We ask that you try to listen to your child read daily and discuss what they have been reading and also sign their reading record weekly.

In addition, a weekly comprehension lesson will also be set on Reading Eggspress each **Friday**, due in for the following **Tuesday**.



Spelling

Children will be given spelling words to learn on a **Monday** and will be tested on these words the following **Monday**.

Spelling homework is provided in the dark blue spelling book. Children need to pick two activities from the spelling activities list to complete each week.

Maths

This year the children will receive a weekly written maths task inside their White Rose Homework books. This task will coincide with learning taking place in the classroom for that week, enabling the children to consolidate their understanding on different mathematical strands. The children continue to have access to TTRockstars which they can logon and use to aid their knowledge of times tables.

Homework will be set on a **Friday** and due in for the following **Tuesday**.

Year 6 Homework Timetable

	Reading books	Homework set
Monday		-Spellings (Set and then tested every Monday)
Tuesday	Change books	
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	Change books	-Maths homework set in White Rose Homework book. -Reading Eggspress task (Both to be completed for the following Tuesday)

Class Dojo:

The school uses Class Dojo as a way to promote **STRIVE** as well as being an opportunity for you to contact me about any query you may have. Your child will receive positive points on this site for displaying the key skills within **STRIVE**. Please make sure you have signed up so that we can share all our learning with you.



Thank you in advance for your support throughout the year to aid your child's progress. The partnership between school and home is crucial to reinforce concepts learnt and to enable your child to reach their full potential.

I know that we will have a fantastic time in Year 6. This will be your child's last year at St Simon's so let's make it the best!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Nellis