

Welcome to Year 6!

Oscar Romero 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 show the qualities that member of our community should aim to have. For this academic year, we will be looking at how we can be **Resilient** in all that we do at St Simon's, facing every challenge with a smile on our face and persevering to be the best we can be.



This year, as **Resilient** individuals, we will explore how we can take inspiration from significant individuals throughout history and today who may have experienced trials and challenges, however, like Jesus, never gave up. We are **Oscar Romero** Class. Oscar Romero was a brave and dedicated peacemaker, filled with faith, courage and love. We are keen to follow in his footsteps as Year 6 role models over our next year together.

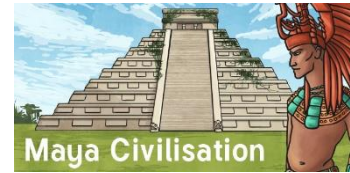


What did we learn in Block 3?

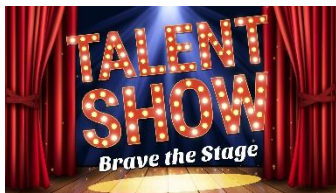
During the last 10 weeks, we explored the question **'Why is diversity important?'** We investigated the key concepts of **community**, **creativity** and **belonging** by exploring the significance of Mexican culture. We looked closely at the climate, landscape, lifestyles, festivals and celebrations of Mexico; identifying how they are similar and different to those in the UK. The children thought hard about this enquiry question and will continue to explore similar themes in our next block which will probe further into the lives of the Ancient Maya Civilisation!

Block 4:

Over the next 10 weeks, we will be continuing our journey through North America but rather than travelling geographically, we will be travelling historically back in time!



Year 6 will be exploring the enquiry question '**Can we ever be masters of our own universe?**', considering the life and times of the Ancient Maya Civilisation. Year 6 will grapple with some challenging themes which affect all civilisations including: **change**, **adversity** and **integration**. They will learn about the significance of Mayan tribes, the importance of music and the arts while also spending some time tasting and designing our own delicious traditional Mayan recipes! We encourage pupils to develop their learning outside of the classroom through reading, arts and crafts and researching their own questions to develop their understanding.



During Block 4, Year 6 will also have many exciting opportunities as they come to an end of their time with us at St Simon's. The children will soon be involved with leading the St Simon's Talent Show and delivering their very own production. Keep your eyes peeled for more updates!

P.E

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

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 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 again for all your support throughout the year. Let's continue to work hard to make this the best final term at St Simon's for our wonderful Year 6s!

Kindest regards,

Miss Lambourne