



We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together

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Class Information Letter Year 6 Tolkien Autumn 2021

Welcome back to school and thank you for ensuring your child was well prepared for the beginning of term, we were very pleased to see them, and they are all settling well into the new routines of Year 6.

The adults who will be working in Year 6 Tolkien this year are Mr Crump (Class teacher) and Mrs Mooney (Teaching assistant).

Behaviour and Rewards

Our school uses the Hertfordshire Steps approach which supports a therapeutic ethos, early intervention and professional responses to complex, challenging or high-risk behaviours. We have developed three universal school rules which each class has spent time exploring and these are:

- **Be ready**
- **Be respectful**
- **Be safe**

In Tolkien the reward system used currently is based around raffle tickets. Pupils who excel, show good learning behaviours or go above and beyond expectations will be rewarded with a ticket. Pupils can receive multiple tickets throughout the day. At the end of the school day, a single raffle ticket is selected resulting in that pupil receiving a reward for the next day, which is sitting in a comfortable office chair.

Curriculum

Please find below an overview of our Autumn Term curriculum coverage:

Religious Education:

Our themes this term will be **KINGDOM OF GOD** and **JUSTICE**.

Kingdom of God – Pupils will be learning about how we enter the Kingdom of God and what type of commitment is required to enter the kingdom. We will also study about whom Jesus promises the Kingdom to.

Justice – We will learn about the “New Law” and what ways we have a duty to help those in need. Pupils will also study Christians who were called to speak about injustice in the world. This unit will also lead into Advent, the mystery of Incarnation and how God came to earth.

We shall continue to follow the liturgical year, beginning with Ordinary Time, leading up to the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. Each week you will also receive a link to **The Wednesday Word** which will help you to support your child’s faith journey throughout the liturgical year.



English:

We start the year by studying Macbeth, before reading and responding to a variety of different genres from a book called 'Short' (a compilation of short stories). Pupils will also be writing for a variety of purposes and audiences in both fiction and non-fiction work.

We will then begin studying 'Holes' by Louis Sachar after half term, which will continue into the Spring term.

Attached to this letter is a grammar knowledge organiser, which outlines the grammar that we will be covering this year.

Weekly spellings will be set on the online platform Purple Mash. Pupils will be exposed to the statutory Year 5 and 6 spelling list and will complete a variety of different spelling challenges on targeted words over the week, such as dictations and quizzes.

Maths:

Using the HfL scheme of learning, pupils will be covering key mathematical concepts in a logical and systematic order. In the Autumn term we will mainly be covering:

- Numbers to 10,000,000
- Place values and decimal notation
- Multiplication and division by 10 and 100
- How to solve addition and subtraction problems
- The use of all four operations in problem solving
- Written methods of short and long multiplication and short division
- Fraction and decimal equivalence
- Additional areas of coverage may be taught alongside this, to allow the curriculum to be taught in a deep and comprehensive manner.

Your child can log on Timestables Rockstars to support their fluency in the recall of times tables. Your child will have their own log-in details which can be found in their reading records.

Science:

Our topic for the Autumn term is 'Animals including humans'. In this unit we will explore the seven characteristics of a living organism, study key organs as well as learning important information about the skeletal and circulatory system, diet, and exercise.

Computing:

This term pupils will be using a variety of Purple Mash tools alongside other resources. They will be learning about coding, online safety and spreadsheets.

Music

This term we have launched our use of a new scheme called Charanga Music

The topic areas we will cover are: 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams and 'Classroom Jazz 2'. In each unit, pupils will listen and appraise a variety of different songs and will engage in a range of different musical activities

Physical Education

We have an extended PE session on a Friday and this term the focus is on invasion games.

Pupils should attend school in their PE kits on their designated days and ensure they have a water bottle.

PE kit consists of navy shorts and a plain white T-shirt and trainers. This can be worn with navy or black plain joggers and a track suit top or a school jumper to ensure that your child remains warm during the colder weather.



Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be set using a combination of Purple Mash, Google Classrooms and the use of a home learning book. Teachers will outline to the pupils the home learning activity and will guide the pupils as to where their learning needs to be recorded.

Our Google Classroom is accessible via the following link:

Tolkien: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MjY1MDU2MTUyMzYz>

All children have been provided with their own log in and password which can be found in their reading records.

Reading continues to be an important focus and we are keen that the children read as much as possible, both out loud to an adult and silently to themselves. The class page on the school website has links to recommended reading books for our class. As the children progress with their reading it becomes more important to question them about the text they are reading, the types of grammar and punctuation in the sentences and the author's choice of vocabulary. As far as possible, please ensure that your child reads at home four times a week to develop both their reading and comprehension skills.

General information:

Water Bottle & snacks: All children are encouraged to drink plenty of water during the day, therefore, please supply your child with a refillable sports top water bottle; this must ONLY contain water. Many children also bring a fruit or vegetable snack to eat at morning break.

The only jewellery permitted in school is one small pair of ear studs (please remove for PE days) and an inexpensive watch. Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

Plimsolls and indoor shoes: all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted indoor shoes in school. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named.

PG Films

From time to time, it is useful to show the children films or clips in relation to topics we are studying in class and as a stimulus for writing. Increasingly, many of the films most relevant to aspects of the KS2 curriculum are 'PG' rated rather than 'U' rated. We would therefore like to ask your permission to use PG rated films with the children in order to enrich their curriculum. Films and extracts are always carefully chosen and have been watched by staff prior to their use with children. We will assume that if we don't hear otherwise this is acceptable to you but please do not hesitate to make contact if you would like to discuss this further.

Pick up procedures – keeping everyone safe

Thank you for your continued compliance and patience for the safe arrival and leaving procedures at school. If you have not yet returned the end of the day permission slip, please do so. We are very pleased with the sensible independence shown by all the pupils in adapting to the new routines in place.

Twitter & Pupil Post

Please follow the school on Twitter @svdp_school (easily accessed through the school website) and via the weekly Pupil Post. This is proving to be a great source of communication for our school and enables you to see what is happening in the class on a regular basis.

School Website – curriculum links

The class information pages of our school website can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk/os-classes.html>

Here you will find many curriculum links relevant to your child's current learning. Please do spend some time exploring these pages if you can.



On the website you also find a link to our Curriculum Statement which explains our approach to all areas of the curriculum. It can be viewed via the following link: [Curriculum-Statement-May-2021.pdf \(stvincent.herts.sch.uk\)](https://stvincent.herts.sch.uk/Curriculum-Statement-May-2021.pdf)

Communication

If you have any concerns at any point during the year please do not hesitate in contacting me by emailing scrump@stvincent.herts.sch.uk. Please remember that no problem is too small; anything that is important to you and your child is important to us too.

Parent Consultations

Our first parent consultation of the year will occur shortly after half-term and will be an online appointment using School Cloud. Booking details will follow shortly. We hope that our second parent consultation in the Spring Term will be face to face. This will also be an opportunity for you to see first-hand the work that your child is completing.

Thank you in anticipation for your support throughout the year. We look forward to working in close partnership with you to ensure your child is happy and progressing well in school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Crump
(Class Teacher)

