

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Welcome to Saint David's Class and your child's final year at Saint Joseph's! As we plan for a beginning like no other that we have seen in the past, my focus will still be to ensure that every child can **be the best they can be**, with **Faith, Hope** and **Love** at the heart of our school family. Spring of 2020 has undeniably challenged students to find a new normal for learning, connected us in new ways and required all students to **REACH** from afar but I am thrilled to be welcoming all of you back into our classroom at the start of this new academic year.



As you already know, I am going to be the Year 6 teacher, but we additionally have Mrs Ferris here in our class to help us in our journey across the year. We both very much look forward to helping your child excel and reach their full potential and welcome any communication from you.

Our first term at a glance involves lots of learning in relation to '**Planet Earth**'! We are also incorporating this theme within our Literacy journey – which will feature non-chronological reports and short story writing.

Please also know we will be using high-quality texts from 'Pie Corbett's Year 6 Reading Spine' within our dedicated daily **DEAR Time (Drop Everything and Read Time)**. I welcome you purchasing these books or even borrowing them from your local library across the year, as these 'essential reads' would be a store of classics, creating a living library inside your child's mind. This term the children have chosen to read 'FireWeed' by Jill Paton Walsh.



Week to week, a few things will be identical to last year within our class. Here is a breakdown of the important things parents need to know on a day to day basis:

- Saint David's **homework** will be set on a **Friday**, this will include:
  - Spellings (green book) – these will need to be worked upon at home ready for a test every Thursday.
  - Grammar, maths, reading or topic-based work.

**This all needs to be completed and handed back in by the following Wednesday.**

- **PE** will take place on a Friday morning, please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kit each Friday. This includes trainers, house colour top and navy/black shorts or trousers.
- **Reading at home** is a real passion of mine. I would love all of the children within Saint David's class to read 5 times per week to an adult outside of school. You are able to document this in the children's yellow reading diaries, whereby both myself and Mrs Ferris will keep a close eye (Monday-Monday) and any children fulfilling this task will be rewarded with a point towards their reading award. ☺

Please do not hesitate to contact me throughout the year (at present this involves emailing/calling the office and requesting contact from myself). I am looking forward to another exciting school year and cannot wait to share this with all of the children!

Kind regards,  
Miss Crisp

## **Numeracy**

Numbers and Place Value  
Addition and Subtraction  
Multiplication and Division

## **Literacy**

### **Non-Chronological Reports**

Focus: differing animals and contrasting locations from across the globe.

### **Short Stories**

Differing genre types, such as: spy, thriller, historical, adventure and fantasy!

## **RE - Creation**

- exploring the story of Moses and the belief that God is with us and guides us
- the Ten Commandments – how they affect our behaviour and actions towards each other and God's creation

# **PLANET EARTH**



## **French**

Topic areas, such as places in a town, directions, homes and numbers

## **Saint David's Class**

### **Topic Web**

### **Autumn Term 1**

## **Theme Related Planet Earth**

**When acting as scientists, we will be:**

- discovering how living things (including micro-organisms, plants and animals) are all classified into broad groups
- giving reasons based upon specific characteristics for our classification of groups

**As geographers, we will be:**

- embedding our knowledge of grid references, latitude, longitude, hemispheres, time zones and the tropics