



Upper Juniors Pentecost Term Curriculum Letter 2024



Welcome!

Welcome to the Pentecost term in Upper Juniors! We will be learning about lots of exciting things over the next term! We also have some exciting events coming up this term, which we are very much looking forward to! If you have any further questions, please come and talk to us and we will do our best to help.

SATs Week – 13th May 2024

It's just a week until SATs are underway! Your children have worked and prepared so hard for these and we are immensely proud of them. We are on the final stretch for revision and continue to work hard to revisit any knowledge that we feel the children need to continue to keep on top of.

Please bring your child to school at normal time. We will be gathering for prayer, toast and a pep talk every morning during this week, after registration. The timetable is as follows:

Monday – Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation

Tuesday - Reading

Wednesday – Maths Arithmetic Paper 1 and Maths Reasoning paper 2

Thursday – Maths Reasoning paper 3

Trips

Year 5 have an exciting opportunity to go to the Briars for a two night stay (20th – 22nd May). We are very lucky to secure this trip, enabling them to have the overnight experience in both year 5 and 6.

Year 6 will be going to Pine Lakes for a two night stay (5th-7th June). Last year's children loved it so we hope that it will live up to the expectations again this year. A meeting for both trips, will be held shortly after the Easter holidays. Information shared at these meetings will also be shared via Parentmail. Please keep a look out for the dates for those meetings coming out through parentmail.

Year 6 will be going to Alton Towers on Monday 3rd June! On this day, the coach will arrive back at school for 4:30pm for children to be collected. All children MUST be collected by an adult and will not be allowed to walk home on their own, due the later home time.

Year 6 Leavers

Year 6 will be auditioning for the end of year play in just a couple of weeks! We will work hard to put on a great show for the rest of school and ensure everyone gets a role within it.

The leaver's liturgy will take place in the final week of school to round off the end of the year AND the end of their time at St George's. It is such a special time to reflect on their education, with the possibility of winning one of the achievement trophies. More information on timings will be given soon.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a weekly basis. It will be set on a Monday and collected in on the Friday. There will be reading and a piece of Maths and Literacy/Topic work to complete. We expect everyone to complete their homework on time and in their own handwriting. If there is anything that pupils do not understand, they should first ask an adult at home for help and then ask their teacher for help before Friday! We are more than happy to help!

Spellings

Learning spellings is very important in order for children to become confident writers, therefore we expect all pupils to revisit and learn their Year 5/6 spellings which are in the front of their homework book. We understand that some pupils may struggle more than others with spellings and we do not expect pupils to always get every single spelling right. Extra support will always be on hand and spelling sessions are tailored to the children's needs. Children will bring home their Spelling log books too on a Friday, for extra practice and these need to be returned on Monday.

Reading

Talk for Reading makes a huge impact on the enjoyment of reading. Children are also able to answer more in depth questions based on what they have read, which is fantastic! We will be continuing these reading sessions this term. Our class novel this term will be chosen by the children in a diplomatic vote! In addition to this, we expect every child to read at home to an adult **daily**. We do

not want any of our children to fall behind with their reading, so it is vital that parents (or grandmas, granddads, older brothers/sisters) hear children read and ask questions about the book on a daily basis. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your co-operation with this in advance.

Parents should sign and date their child's reading diary to show that they have heard their child read. They should also write which page their child will be on next and make a comment about how well their child has read, or if there are any difficulties. Here is an example below:

12/09/23 – 'The Wrong Side of Bed'. You used some good expression and could answer a range of questions. P34 next. J. Smith.

We should see this five times a week. We reward children for each reading diary entry with a house point so make sure that each 'read at home' is recorded!

English

Our first topic of 'Talk for Writing' this half term will be a finding tale – creating suspense for our reader. We will also be exploring poetry and writing non-chronological reports. These are our final topics for the year so we are striving to meet end of year expectations and showcase the work that we have carefully planned out.

Maths

In Maths, pupils will be continuing their steps of the four operations as well as learn new skills involving shape, amounts, fractions and explaining data. They will also have the opportunity to take part in 'dangerous maths' sessions involving reasoning and problem solving throughout the week and especially on a Friday.

Topics

In Geography, our learning will continue to look at the world's biomes and climate zones, to deepen our understanding of the world and compare and contrast between them. We will continue to delve into the beauty and diversity of South America and look more in depth into our local area and what makes it unique.

In History, We will start our Victorians topic. We will also revisit all of our past topics to ensure they are in our long term memory. We will then conduct a local study around World War II.

Our RE topics will be: Transformation; Healing; Stewardship and Sikhism.

In science, we will delve deeper into forces (and resistance); Earth and Space, Circulation; Evolution and classification and branching keys.

PE

Our PE days will continue to be on:

Class 10 – Wednesday and Friday

Class 11 – Thursday and Friday

Class 12 – Tuesday and Friday

However, we will occasionally have PE activities outside of these times and so it is essential that children keep their PE kits in school every day. PE kit consists of blue shorts, a coloured house t-shirt, pumps and trainers. Long hair must be tied back and no jewellery should be worn for PE. Therefore, if your child wears earrings, please ensure that these are not worn on PE days.

Miss Jukka, Mrs Johnson & Mr Coupland (Class 10)

Mrs Shooter, Mr Ablewhite & Miss Baines (Class 11)

Mrs O'Brien & Miss Adams (Class 12)