



St Ignatius Primary School
Welcome to Year 6 Autumn Term 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and that September has started well. As you know, this is an important year for Year 6, and we hope to make a positive start this half term. Please ensure your child makes the most of opportunities to practise work at home. We really appreciate the effort you put into making sure your children's learning at school is supported at home. We encourage you to ask your child about their learning in all subjects, using the information below as a guide.

These are the main learning objectives this half term that we will be focusing on:

English: We will explore **similes**, **metaphors** and **personification** in the poems of Ted Hughes. Children will write their own free verse nature poems based on close observation. In the final writing task, children will write their own poems about the seasons drawing on whole-class work, and use feedback to edit and improve their poems. Later in the term, we will be reading the fantastic *Eye of the Wolf*. Our focus will be on **narrative viewpoint**.

Maths: We have started the term by focusing on number and **place value**. Later, children will be using this knowledge to convert between **units of measurement**. They will apply this to practical **word problems** involving measurement. This term, children will also be learning and consolidating their mental strategies, particularly multiplication. They will use these strategies to solve word problems involving, for example, money.

Our Topic this half term is **'Why do some creatures no longer exist'**. Our Main Learning Objectives are

- Evolution and its role in natural selection
- Variety of species in the animal and plant kingdom
- How animals have adapted to suit their environment

RE: Our learning will concentrate on the subject of 'The Kingdom of God' and will cover:

- Elements of sacramental celebrations (e.g. blessing, exchanging greetings, praise)
- Signs and symbols and their significance in liturgy
- The structure of the Eucharist

Our CORE LEARNING SKILL this term is 'Learning together'. Stiggy, the school mascot will be helping the children to learn these I can statements:

- I can give constructive feedback to my peers on their ideas identifying what is good and how it could be improved.
- I can allocate tasks within a group activity.

General Reminders

- The children have PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled. Homework is given out each Friday and expected back the following Tuesday.
- Spellings are also given out on Fridays to prepare for a test each Friday.
- Also, please ensure that you encourage your child to read their reading books for at least 20 minutes a day and fill in their reading records with them *each night*.

Thanks for your support.

Mr Masterson

Mr Rutherford