

Year 6 Newsletter – Summer 1 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday.

It's lovely to see all of your children ready to enjoy their final term of primary school.

As always, we have a busy term ahead of us, as we undertake the SATs.

Next half-term, we will go on our residential trip to The Anderton Centre, rehearse for our end of year production, experience transition days at our new secondary schools, and graduate from St Peter and St Paul's! (More information about Summer 2 will follow in a further newsletter).

ENGLISH

Our new class novel is *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. Beginning from Auggie's point of view and expanding to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others, the perspectives converge to form a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance. In a world where bullying among young people is an epidemic, this is a refreshing new narrative full of heart and hope.



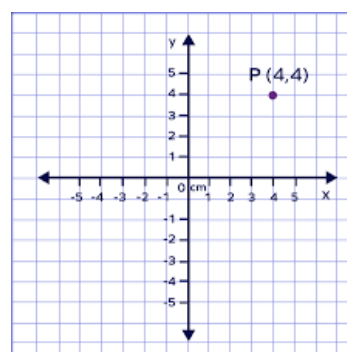
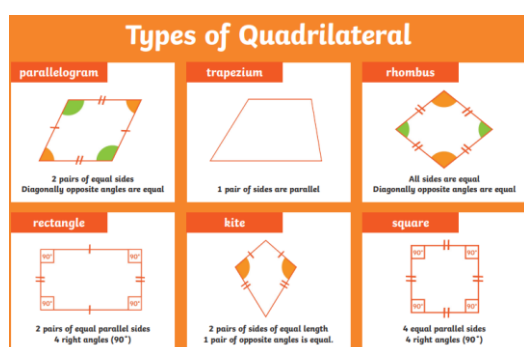
In reading, we will be embedding higher order reading skills, in order to achieve the highest possible marks in our tests. We will focus on impression and evidence questions, where we will make judgements about characters, settings and events, using evidence from the text to support our opinions.

We will also continue to explore the meanings of ambitious and unfamiliar words and phrases. We will consider author intent and the impact of word choice on the reader.

In grammar, we will be revising all our skills and knowledge from across the Key Stage 2 phase. Our spelling work will give us another opportunity to ensure that we can spell all the Statutory Words from KS2.

MATHS

We will continue to develop our fluency and problem-solving with the four operations as we strive to gain the highest possible marks in our arithmetic lessons. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shape, angles, position, direction, co-ordinates, translations and reflections.





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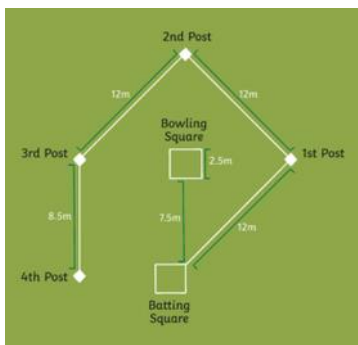
Our topics this full term are:

- Witnesses
- Healing
- Common Good

In 'Witnesses', the children learn how we live our lives and the way we treat others, by our words and actions. We explore how Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in each person and in the community of believers, which is the church. We will be learning how the work of the Spirit is to enable people to hear God's message and to live Jesus' way of service.

In 'Healing', the children explore how networks of friendships and relationships enable human beings to live together. We learn how Christians believe that in Jesus, the world has been reconciled to God. Through and in Christ, the children learn how every human being is offered the power to reach out in forgiveness and peace, to offer and receive reconciliation.

During 'Common Good', we will explore The Sacrament of the Sick. The children will learn the scripture associated with Christian beliefs when they are unwell. They will learn about Lourdes and how Christians go on pilgrimages to Lourdes.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Thursdays

This first half-term, the children need to come to school in their Active Wear every Thursday. Without exception, no jewellery can be worn during PE lessons.

We will be developing our batting and fielding skills as we play Rounders.

HOMEWORK

Most of your child's homework will be completed with school staff at our weekly Booster Club. If your child does not attend the sessions, they can access the tasks at home (to be completed within the time given).

As we continue to prepare for the SATs tests in May, your child will also bring home small additional tasks which should only take 10-15 minutes. Details of any additional tasks will always be shared on Class Dojo.

Spellings will continue to be given out and tested weekly on Fridays.

Reading should take place at home five times a week, to ensure good progress continues throughout the year. This should be recorded in Reading Diaries or in the Ten Minute Test booklets, as appropriate.



EXPERIENCES AND VISITS

Friday 25th April 2025	Meeting about SATs and Anderton Centre at 3:15pm
Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May 2025	KS2 SATs Week
Dates for Summer 2 events and experiences will be confirmed in due course.	

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Heaton, Mrs May and Mrs Curtis