

YEAR 5 CLASS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2023












Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's, we hope that you and your family enjoyed a peaceful Summer break. The children have settled well back into their new class and we are looking forward to our year of learning together. Your support in ensuring that your child completes their Home Learning every week will continue to help your child to make accelerated progress and reach their full potential. We look forward to seeing you at the **Year 5 Parents' Meeting on Thursday 21st September at 3:15P.M.**

Curriculum

We will continue our Maths and Literacy learning by building on the key skills that the children learned last year. Our topics this term will be 'The Caribbean Islands' and 'Lewisham: Then & Now'. We will be delivering a lot of the learning in Science, History, Geography, Art and Design Technology through our topics, with links to the learning in Literacy and Maths. Below is an outline of what we will be covering in our curriculum.

English 	In English, we will be reading 'The Man who Walked Between the Towers' and 'Hidden Figures.' Inspired by these texts, the children will write persuasive letters, interview scripts, diary entries and biographies. Children will also continue to practice editing their work independently and with a peer.
Reading 	In Destination Reader, we will be reading 'Fly Me Home'. Please ensure that you hear your child read every day and that they update their Reading Record using the Destination Reader stem provided as a book mark.
Maths 	This half term we will be focusing on Number and Place Value. The children will be learning to recognise the place value of the digits up to 1,000,000. We will also learn how to round any number up to 1 000 000 to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10 000 and 100 000. We will add and subtract numbers with more than 4-digits. In the second half of the term we will be learning about Fractions. We will recap our knowledge of adding and subtracting fractions, finding equivalent fractions and solving word problems involving fractions of numbers and quantities. We will be launching our Times Table challenge before half-term, so please continue to practise your multiplication tables at home.
RE 	In RE, we will be learning about Pilgrimages and Incarnation - the birth of Jesus. Children will make links to their lives and explore how these practices influence the lives of believers.
Topic 	Children will find out about the islands of the Caribbean. They will find out about the cultures, music and ways of life within different islands- with a focus on Jamaica. The children will compare Jamaica and the UK, and share their own experiences and knowledge of the Caribbean. They will also have the opportunity to engage in practical experiences such as discussions, trips and cooking.
Values 	We will be focusing on the whole school values of Respect and Peace . We will be exploring these values throughout this term and children will have the opportunity to learn how these values can be displayed, referring to examples from Bible stories and influential figures.
Computing 	In Computing, we will be learning how to use technology safely, how to use simple programming tools to code and about cyber bullying. There will also be a number of opportunities for our children to develop their computing skills within cross-curricular activities.
Music 	The children will have the opportunity to continue to learn how to play the trumpet with instructions from a specialist teacher.
PSHE 	We will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work in our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education). This term we will be learning about 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Differences'.



Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2023

- September – we are welcoming any donations for our annual Harvest collection, please donate any non-perishable food items (tins, jars and packets) to support those most in need
- Thursday 21st September 3:15P.M. – Parents' welcome meeting with your child's class teacher
- Tue 26th September – **SCHOOL PHOTOS**
- Wed 27th September 2PM – Harvest worship in St Mary's Church
- Fri 29th September 8:30AM – Parents are invited to visit our Prayer Day in St Mary's Church
- **Mon 23rd – Fri 27th October – HALF TERM**
- Sun 5th November 10:00AM – First Communion service at St Mary's Church
- Thu 16th November – PARENTS EVENING
- **Fri 17th November – SCHOOL CLOSED – Inset Day**
- Fri 1st December 3:10PM – Christmas Fayre
- Thu 14th December 2:00PM – KS2 Candlelit Christmas Service in St Mary's Church
- Tue 19th December – 1:00PM – End of Autumn Term
- Tue 9th January - Children return to school for the Spring Term

Key Reminders

- Please be on time at the beginning (8:40) and end (3:10) of the school day
- Please ring the school office if you have arranged for a new person to collect your child



PE

Please note that the children must bring the correct PE kit (plain navy blue/black jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and plain black plimsolls/trainers) to every PE lesson. Our PE coach, Mr Tientcheu, will lead the children in the PE curriculum alongside their teacher. **PE lessons will be on FRIDAY.**



Jewellery

We advise that the children do not wear **any** jewellery to school although watches and plain stud earrings are acceptable. Please bear in mind that if your child is wearing earrings they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons.

Clothing

Please make sure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled with their names. This applies to all items of school uniform, PE kit and coats. School shoes should be plain and black.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be set on Friday and should be completed by Tuesday. In addition to the learning set, your children should be regularly practising their times tables, spellings and reading every day.

There is a clear expectation that every child fully completes their Home Learning every week and we will be keeping a record and contacting parents where this is not the case.

Reading

It is vital that your child reads to you every day. Please complete their reading journal and ensure that they bring it into school **daily**. Your child will be given books, which we will aim to change on a weekly basis. If you have any concerns or would like some support with this, then please contact the school.

Appointments - If you have any queries or wish to make an appointment, please ring the School office on 0208 6902613 or email admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk

We greatly value your support with your child's learning.

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