

# YEAR SIX CLASS NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN 2022

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.

## 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 African Kingdom and Detectives. 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.

<p>English</p> 	<p>In English, we will be developing our writer's voice. During the first half term, we will be using a variety of poetic devices to write our own memory hoard poems. Next, we will be learning how to write finding tales filled with suspense. In the second half of the term, we will be a learning how to create fear in a story by learning a tale titled 'Fowler's Yard'. By the end of the term, the children will be expected to self-select writing techniques that create an atmosphere of suspense and fear to write stories.</p>
<p>Destination Reader</p> 	<p>This term, we will be revising our reading strategies of clarifying, inferring, summarising, making connections, predicting, evaluating and questioning. We will be reading the books 'Wonder' and 'Stormbreaker' to practice combining these reading strategies. The children will also practice how to support and actively listen to others while reading. <b>Please ensure that you hear your child read every day and update their Reading Journal.</b></p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>This half-term we will be focusing on number and place value. This will include reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 10 million, rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and negative numbers. In addition to this, we will be learning how to add and subtract whole numbers with more than four digits; how to multiply and divide numbers up to 4 digits by up to 2 digit numbers and solve problems involving fractions. We will be launching our Times Table challenge before half-term, so please continue to practice your multiplication tables at home.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>Our Religious Education topics this term will be focused around Buddhism, the Beatitudes and how the message of Christmas is conveyed. Within these lessons, we will be considering how aspects of the religions taught can influence the lives of the believers.</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>Children will find out about the African Kingdom of Benin. In this topic pupils will be learning about the continent of Africa and learn about the different countries, climate zones, history and customs of this culture. They will also find out about modern Nigeria, and how it compares to the Kingdom of Benin. Within the topic 'Detectives', we will learn about the science behind mixtures, solutions, reversible and irreversible changes. Finally, we will find out about the history of crime and punishment across different historical periods.</p>
<p>Values</p> 	<p>We will be focusing on the whole school values of <b>Respect</b> and <b>Peace</b>. 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.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>In Computing, we will be learning about E-Safety. Children are spending more time online and it is vital that we continue to educate them on how to be safe when using a phone, tablet, laptop, PC or any device where they are able to communicate with others online.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>We will continue to use the Charanga scheme of learning, whilst taking account of guidance on singing and the use of musical instruments.</p>

## Key Dates

- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> September – we will be launching our Harvest collection, please donate any non-perishable food items (tins, jars and packets) to support those most in need
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September 8:30AM – Parents are invited to visit our Prayer Day in St Mary's Church
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September 5:00PM – Parents welcome meetings
- Tue 27<sup>th</sup> September – SCHOOL PHOTOS
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> September 9AM – Harvest worship in Church
- Tue 11<sup>th</sup> October – Reading Champions training for parent volunteers
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October- Year Six Exhibition (Show and Tell)
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> October – SCHOOL CLOSED – deferred Bank Holiday
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> October 10:00AM – First Communion service at St Mary's Church
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM
- Thu 17<sup>th</sup> November – PARENTS EVENING
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> November – SCHOOL CLOSED – Inset Day
- Thu 8<sup>th</sup> December - Immunisations
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December 2PM – Candlelit Carol Service
- Thu 15<sup>th</sup> December – 1:00PM – End of Term

## Key Reminders

- Please be on time at the beginning (8:45) and end (3:15) 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 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** - will be set on Friday and should be completed by Tuesday. In addition to the learning set, your children should be regularly practicing 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](mailto:admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk)

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

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