

YEAR SIX CLASS NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's, we hope that you and your family enjoyed a peaceful Easter break. The children have settled well back into the new term and we can't believe that it is already our final term 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 term. Our topics this term will be 'Eco- Warriors' and 'Out of This World'. 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 exploring writing for a variety of purposes. By the end of the term, we will have written for a variety of interesting and engaging purposes (writing a letter to an organisation to raise money for our Pen Pals in Ghana, a tale of fear, a wishing tale and a non-chronological report). This term, we will also be focusing on finding new and evocative ways of expressing ourselves in a written medium. Therefore, reading a variety of text types will be beneficial for us because reading will help build our vocabulary. Finally, we will be launching our Spelling Bee in May, so please look out for further details.</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 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz and 'Holes' by Louis Sachar to practice combining these reading strategies. We will also practice how to support and actively listen and discuss and explain our ideas to others while reading. Please ensure that you hear your child read every day and update their Reading Record.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>The children have worked incredibly hard to build and consolidate their understanding of how to answer a word problem. Therefore, this half term we will be focusing on SATs preparation with a specific focus on answering word problems. We will be identifying the operations required to solve a word problem and the mathematical concepts included within different questions. By the end of the term, the children will be expected to use their skills learned this year in combination with the knowledge of skills learnt across Key Stage Two to solve practical mathematical problems that they may encounter in their daily lives.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>In RE this term, we will be learning about the core beliefs that underpin Buddhism. Within these lessons, we will be considering how aspects of the religions taught can influence the lives of the believers. In the second half of the term, we will be learning about religious beliefs about the journey of life and death. During this topic, the we will discuss the similarities and differences between what people believe happens after someone has died. Finally, we will also be learning about the importance of rules and responsibilities within a community and how they shape communities.</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>In our first topic this half term (Eco- Warriors), we will be learning about the cycles of life on planet Earth. In science, we will learn about the life cycles of plants and animals and describe the differences between them. In our geography lessons, we will explore the negative and positive impacts of human activity on the environment (locally and globally). Finally, during our art lessons, we will be learning about how plastic and other unwanted materials can be repurposed by collaboratively designing and creating an assemblage sculpture. In our second topic (Out of This World), we will be exploring space. During this topic, we will be visiting The Royal Observatory where we will learn about the phases of the moon.</p>

Values		We will be focusing on the whole school values of Responsibility and Faith . 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.
Comp uting		In Computing, we will be learning about computer networks such as the internet. In addition, we will also be evaluating games for children and designing and creating algorithms to create our own games on Purple Mash.
Music		In our music lessons, we will continue to use the Charanga scheme of learning, whilst taking account of guidance on singing and the use of musical instruments.

Year 6 End of Year Production

In the last three weeks of this half term and during the next half term, we will be practicing our end of year production. When your children receive their scripts and parts, it would be a great help if you were able to practice your child's lines and songs with them at home. The song lyrics and audio files will be added to Microsoft Teams after they have practiced them in school. We can't wait to show you our incredible acting and singing skills.

Key Dates

- May 2022 – Year 2 SATS testing
- Mon 2nd May – BANK HOLIDAY
- Thu 5th May – SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO LOCAL ELECTIONS
- Mon 9th May – Thu 12th May Year 6 SATS testing
- Fri 27th May – Platinum Jubilee celebration for children
- Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Fri 17th June – SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
- Mon 27th June – Fri 1st July – Careers Week
- Mon 4th July – Fri 8th July – Health Week
- Fri 15th July – End of year reports sent home
- Wed 20th July – 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.

Homework

Homework will be set on Friday and should be completed by Tuesday. In addition to the homework 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 homework every week and we will be keeping a record of all homework completed 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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