

YEAR 6 CLASS NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's. Thank you so much for supporting the school at the beginning of term by following all of the Covid-19 guidance to ensure that the school is as safe as possible. The children have settled well into their new class and we have really enjoyed getting to know them.

Curriculum

We will begin our Maths and Literacy learning with a focus on key skills, in order to assess where the children are in their learning so that we can build from this starting point. Our topics this term will be Caribbean Islands and The Circle of Life. 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>During the first week back, we will be using the book 'The Invisible' to explore our feelings and issues within the local and wider community. Next, we will be learning how to write finding tales filled with suspense. In the second half of the term, we will be studying a tale of fear 'Fowler's Yard' and using it to create our own.</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.</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 and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In addition to this, we will be learning about negative numbers. In the second half of the term, we will be learning how to add and subtract whole numbers with more than four digits. We will also learn how to multiply and divide numbers up to 4 digits by up to 2 digit numbers.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>Our Religious Education topics this term will be focused around Christian Prayer and Liturgy, Remembrance and Incarnation (The birth of Christ). 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 islands of the Caribbean. They will learn about the Caribbean's geography, climate and place on the world map through using maps and digital mapping tools such as Google Earth. They will also find out about the various cultures, music and ways of life within different islands. The children will share their own experiences and knowledge of the Caribbean and have the opportunity to engage in practical experiences such as discussions, trips and cooking.</p> 
<p>Values</p> 	<p>We will start by learning about 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.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>We will focus on E-Safety. During the lockdown, many children will have spent more time online and it is vital that we continue to educate them on how to be safe when using a phone, tablet, laptop or PC.</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

- Tuesday 21st September 2021 - Meet the Teacher zoom meetings (3:30PM)
- Wednesday 22nd September - Parent Growth Mindset session – online from home or from the community hub (9:15am)
- Wednesday 22nd September 2021 – School Photographer
- Monday 25th – Friday 29th October - HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Thursday 18th November – Parents Evening
- Friday 26th November - INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Friday 17th 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 their PE curriculum alongside their teacher. **PE lessons will be on Fridays.**

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.

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

As you will be aware, parents are not allowed on the school premises at this time. 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 during their final year with us.

Miss Egunjobi (Class Teacher)

