

Year 6 Spring News 2018

Welcome back to school for what will be your final seven months at St Mary's. I trust you all had a lovely Christmas holiday - I'd like to sincerely thank you for some lovely Christmas cards and gifts too!

We have a busy, varied and hard-working term ahead of us but don't worry; it's nothing you can't handle.

Below I've listed some of the topics we will cover.

Literacy

Variety is important, so we will be reading and writing from a range of genres including narrative and non-narrative, formal and impersonal writing. After persuasive arguments we will move onto short stories with flashbacks, mystery narratives and non-chronological reports. We finish with adventure narratives (in a similar style to The Lord of The Rings!) During our work we will be building paragraphs from a lead sentence, and linking both paragraphs and sentences using more complex connectives.

In spelling we will recap rules & common spelling patterns. We will also be learning from a list of trickier words. Put your new SPRING TERM lists safe and learn them.



Remember, good readers make good writers!

Are you reading enough at home?

Are you reading a variety of text types? Make sure to tick off books selected from the blue boxes.

Are you thinking about what you read?

Numeracy

Our maths work will cover a range of topics. We will continue to learn methods of $+$ $-$ $/$ \times and to use these to solve problems. We will look at:

averages and graphs and charts
fractions, decimals and percentages
formulae and simple algebra
shape including translation, reflection & rotation.

It is important that you try hard to remember what you have learnt and to build on it to help your future learning.

Make sure you know your maths targets.

You could do some extra work at home.

MyMaths and IXL are great resources.



Science



Science will be the main thrust of our work this term and we will focus on the topic...



Is the Force With You? & Does Everything Change?

We will have many chances to do some fun, practical activities.

Our forces work will be centred on air and water resistance, magnetism, gravity and friction.

We will also look at reversible & irreversible changes (including evaporation & condensation) and we'll consider how we can change electrical circuits.

You should use the 'Purple Science Book' to aid revision of all science topics.

Learn your science vocabulary too! You will be expected to use the correct language to show your understanding (little & often is best).

History - Non-European Society

What can I learn about an Islamic Civilization? (Baghdad AD900)

How and where did people live?

What was this like in contrast with Britain?

PE

It's best to keep both indoor and outdoor kits in school at all times.

During this term remember to...

1) Read a little every day. Vary what you read and fill in your reading log. Make your comments interesting and relevant to what you have been reading.

Don't forget to look at poems, letters, diary entries, newspaper articles etc. Notice what they look like on the page, and try to recognise features we've talked about in school.

2) Work hard whenever you're set a task. You get out what you put in!

- 3) Challenge yourself to work some maths questions out mentally. Little and often is best.
- 4) Check the calendar of events regularly and be responsible for organising yourself.
- 5) Work hard but leave time to play. **Get plenty of rest & sleep too** - it's important that you're rested so you can concentrate on your learning.

Booster Classes



Booster Classes will continue on a regular basis. The extra work should help you a great deal. **BUT** - you have to be in school to get the best from these sessions. **100% attendance** is something you should strive for!

Homework

It is expected that you put as much effort into your homework as you do your schoolwork. Look out for the guidance in the front of your homework books.

Parents - please encourage the use of estimates in maths and V.C.O.P. in written activities. Ask your child to tell you their targets. Can they be achieved in their homework?

Ongoing weekly homework involves reading (at least three times a week- more is better), learning spellings, learning science vocabulary and mental maths.

Finally

This is an important term. Be confident, work hard and enjoy your learning.

If you do have any concerns come and talk to me. I'll try to help.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday 30th January - Y6 visit to Manchester Cathedral 'God and the Big Bang'

w/c 5th February - E-safety week

Tuesday 6th February & Wednesday 7th February - parents' evenings

KS2 SATS TESTS: w/c Monday 14th May 2018



