

Year 6 Autumn News 2018

Hasn't time flown since the children arrived at St Mary's in Reception Class? They are now in their final year and preparing to move on to secondary school! Much of this year will be concerned with readying them, in terms of educational and personal development, so they are able to cope smoothly with the transition. The children will be encouraged to become increasingly independent and responsible for their own learning and organization during school time. It would be helpful if they could be encouraged in the same way at home, e.g. by preparing their own bags and kits and doing their homework on time.

COULD YOU SURVIVE IN A RAINFOREST?

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WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON



Much of our work this term will be concerned with the rainforests with a particular focus on South America. Children should be encouraged to look at maps and atlases, read information books and look out for newspaper and magazine articles related to this topic.

Literacy

A range of text types including different narrative genres, autobiography and biography, diaries and fictional writing will be covered.

We will investigate connectives and complex sentences and explore the use of more sophisticated punctuation.

In spelling we will use rules, prefixes and suffixes to support our work. We will also learn a number of 'tricky' words. Please help your child to learn spellings and to find words with similar patterns. Don't forget, you'll need to learn all of the terms words for "The Big Spell".

Reading and reading incentives

It is expected that the children will read regularly at home.

- There is an expectation of x3 recorded 'reads' from Sunday to Sunday
- Parents will only now be asked to sign 'green reading records' if there is a cause for concern.
- Children need to record what has been read and should collect NEW VOCABULARY in their comments boxes – there is no need for a lengthy comment.
- Reading time in school lunch hours will be provided if your child does not maintain the minimum reading requirements. In Year 6, I will also be asking for their record on my desk on a daily basis if the minimum 'reads' are not recorded.
- LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEW COMPETITION: '**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**' – COMING SOON.

Did you know...?

*...Being a great speller means that you have a better chance of passing your SPAG test next May? **Learn the spelling rules** rather than just the words on the lists!*

*If you know how to spell a word backwards, then you must **REALLY** know it!*

Numeracy

A huge range of maths topics will be covered including recapping efficient, formal written methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide whole numbers and decimals. Also, strong emphasis will be placed on the learning and quick recall of mental facts including addition and subtraction to and from 20, and times tables. The children will be asked to recall these facts as quickly as they can recall their own name.

If either you or your child are worried about maths, come and see me. I'll try to help.

Science

Our science work revolves around Life Processes and Living Things. We will be finding out about plants and animals, how they have evolved, how they survive and how they are suited to where they live.

Use the 'Purple Science Book' to aid revision of all science topics and spend time learning appropriate vocabulary.

P.E

An indoor and outdoor kit, including trainers and a warm top should be in school at all times.

PLEASE NOTE: KIT REQUIREMENTS – PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT/POLO SHIRT , DARK BLUE OR BLACK SHORTS / DARK BLUE SKIRT / BLACK PUMPS & TRAINERS / WARM OUTDOOR (hoodless) TOP



PE is a part of the national curriculum and it is essential that children have the right kit for these lessons in order to participate.

Y6 Events

26th October - Buddies Assembly

7th November – Orange for Orangutan Day - sponsored run



Remember to...

- * read a little every day and learn to enjoy what you read!
- * learn spelling rules and think of similar words
- * revise your times tables and mental maths
- * learn science vocabulary
- * check the calendar of events and homework diary regularly
- * complete maths and literacy homework tasks (given on Friday) each week to a high standard. Normally, homework is to be complete for Monday.

AND REMEMBER: Here at St Mary's it's not all about 'SATS' (it just feels a bit like that some times!)

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND TWEETS REGULARLY: www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/ look for the learning pages / class pages / year 6 for updates on homework, messages for the children and other reminders!