

# Year 6 Spring News 2019

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 say **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. **Does your child know all the EXAM NINJA spellings that were sent home last term?** Put your new SPRING TERM lists safe and learn them.



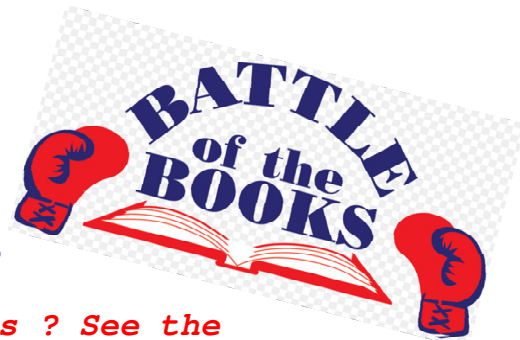
**Remember: "Today a READER - tomorrow a LEADER!"**

**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.**

**How are you doing with Battle of the Books ? See the 'Latest News' link on the school website at**

**[www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk](http://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk)**



## Numeracy

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

averages and graphs and charts  
fractions, decimals and percentages  
formulae and simple algebra



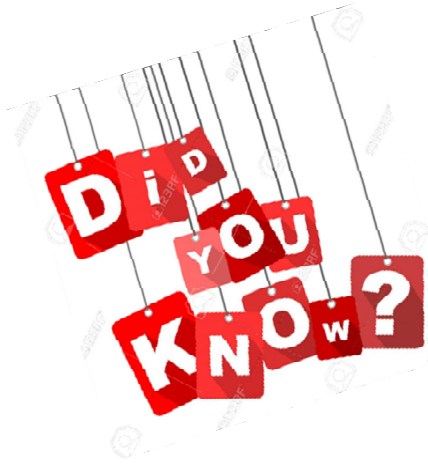
shape including translation, reflection & rotation.

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

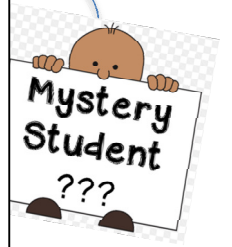
*Make sure you know your maths targets.*

*You could do some extra work at home.*

*MyMaths and IXL are great **FREE** resources.*



One of the **top pupils in class** has spent nearly 31 hours studying on IXL.COM in their own time since September!  
This pupil regularly does well in all tests. It is no coincidence: it is just hard work! That's what pays off...and with just 15 school weeks until SATs tests, NOW is the time to get serious about your learning.



## 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 collect new or interesting vocabulary. 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- ALWAYS PLEASE CHECK THE Y6 CLASS PAGE FOR CURRENT 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. **ALL HOMEWORK SHOULD BE QUALITY CHECKED AND SIGNED BY PARENTS NOW PLEASE.**



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

## **Finally**

This is an **important** term. Be **confident**, be **proud** of your hard work hard and **enjoy** your learning. If you do have any concerns come and talk to me. I'll try to help.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**w/c 4<sup>th</sup> February - E-safety week**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - parents' evenings**

**KS2 SATS TESTS: w/c Monday 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 - attendance is essential.**