

Year 6 Half-Termly Newsletter – Spring 2

Happy New Year!

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Welcome Back!

We hope all the children and their families had a lovely half term break and are feeling refreshed!

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The Year Six Curriculum

Please see overleaf for the areas of learning we will be covering this half term. Knowledge Organisers for all foundation subjects can be found at this link:

<https://www.stthomaslydiate.co.uk/knowledge-organisers/> These are really useful for the children to use at home as a learning tool for self-study. Parents can also use them to quiz the children on what they have been learning about in school – we're sure you'll be impressed with what they know!

Booster Groups

Maths revision club is starting next week (Tuesday 3rd March 3.30 – 4.15pm), which will help the children prepare for the Key Stage 2 SATs (taking place in May). This will continue until SATs. Reading and grammar revision will take place within the school day. **The after-school maths club is very important in helping the children to feel as prepared as possible before their tests. Please let me know if your child is NOT attending this club.** We also continue with a broad and balanced curriculum during this half term, with lots of learning taking place in other subject areas, as can be seen by the curriculum map overleaf. There will be a SATs meeting for parents taking place later this half term, which we will send further information about nearer the time. We will soon be sending home maths and English revision guides for the children and kindly ask for a £5 voluntary contribution towards these resources to be paid via the parent app.

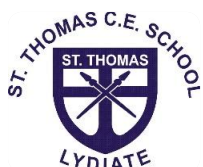
World Book Day – Friday 6th March

We will, of course, be celebrating this special day with lots of fun book-based activities throughout the day (and week!). A letter will be emailed out this week to explain the different activities going on.

Home Learning

Please continue to support your child with their Home Learning activities at home. These should include daily reading, spelling practice, Times Tables Rock Stars as well as the worksheets sent home each Wednesday, which are due in the following Monday. A reminder for parents to please sign the children's reading records each week before they get checked every Monday.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wainwright



Jesus said, 'Come follow me, live your lives the way God wants you to.'



Year 6 Curriculum Map

In the first Spring term, we will be learning about:

Maths In maths, we will be completing the areas we haven't yet covered, which include geometry, position & direction, and graphs & averages. The children will also be practising and refining their arithmetic skills through weekly arithmetic tests.	English Our text for this half term is 'Rose Blanche' by Ian McEwan. The children will be exploring the text, and gaining experience in writing descriptive narratives, scripts and persuasive writing. In grammar they will be learning how to use hyphens as well as revisiting previous Year 6 knowledge.	RE In RE, our title is, 'Why do Christians celebrate the Eucharist?' During this unit we will identify the links between the Passover meal, Last Supper and Eucharist. We will develop our understanding of the Eucharist and the symbolism connected with it and why it is celebrated.
History In history we will learn all about World War II, where it took place and who it was fought between. The children will also learn about what happened during the Battle of Britain and the Blitz and understand the significant role that Bletchley Park played in helping the Allied Powers win the war.	Geography In Geography, we will be finishing our North America unit and then learning all about the continent South America and the varying countries within it. The children will learn about the Amazon rainforest and the effects of deforestation. They will also learn about are the longest mountain range in the world, the Andes.	Computing Programming – variables in games We will be creating a game with a simulation scoreboard using Scratch. Data and information – spreadsheets We will be learning more about spreadsheets and how to use them efficiently to plan events and answer questions.
PE In P.E we will be learning basketball this term and will be learning the skills involved in the game before moving on to playing games within the lessons.	Art We will be studying Impressionism and Post-Impressionism, and artists such as Monet, Renoir and Van Gogh. The children will be using media such as paint, chalk, charcoal and collage to create artwork in the style of the artists studied.	PSHE Through our 'My Happy Mind' scheme, we will be covering the following modules: Appreciate – exploring the benefits of practising gratitude to our wellbeing Relate – looking at the importance of getting along with others in order to develop positive relationships