

Year Six's Half Termly Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the Summer term! We hope that all the children and their families enjoyed a restful and happy Easter break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting weeks ahead. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school - they have settled quickly and are already showing fantastic focus, maturity and determination. We are incredibly proud of how hard they are working and the positive attitude they are bringing to their learning each day.

The Year Six Curriculum

Please see overleaf for an overview of the areas of learning we will be covering this half term. Knowledge Organisers for all foundation subjects can be found using the following link:
<https://www.stthomaslydiate.co.uk/knowledge-organisers/>

These are an extremely useful learning tool for children to use at home alongside their classwork. Parents may also wish to use them to talk through topics or quiz the children on what they have been learning - we are sure you will be impressed with the depth of their knowledge and understanding! I have sent home some additional revision tools, which the children may find useful.

Spellings

This half term, spelling practice will reflect the expectations of SATs and beyond. I will be sending home the **Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 statutory word lists** and spelling tests will be made up of words chosen at random from these lists. This approach helps to prepare the children for SATs, where they will not receive prior warning of the words they will be tested on.

Regular practice at home will really support the children as they build confidence and familiarity with these key words. Thank you, as always, for your continued support with this.

SATs

Year 6 SATs tests will take place during the week beginning **Monday 11th May**. A detailed timetable and further information will be sent home shortly.

Booster groups will continue in the weeks leading up to SATs, supporting the children as they revise and consolidate their learning. Please note that there will be **no after-school booster during SATs week** (Tuesday 12th May).

We are incredibly proud of the effort and resilience the children are showing - they should feel confident knowing that all of their hard work is preparing them well.

Home Learning



Please continue to support your child with their home learning activities. These should include:

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- Daily reading or Reading Plus
- Spelling practice
- Times Tables Rock Stars
- SATs revision activities for this half term

Some children may find it helpful to make note cards or flashcards, or to use the revision guides that were sent home at parents' evening. Short, regular practice makes a huge difference and really boosts confidence.

PE

PE will continue to take place on **Tuesdays**. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit each Tuesday.

Sun Safety

As we move into the Summer term and (hopefully!) begin to enjoy some warmer weather, please ensure your child brings the following to school:

- A named water bottle
- A labelled bottle of suncream
- A white or navy cap or sunhat

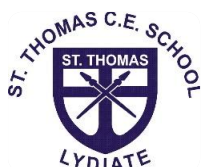
If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can contact the school office by phone or email, or feel free to pop by the classroom door at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your ongoing support - it truly makes a difference.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wainwright, Mrs Stankowski & Mrs Gibson

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Maths In maths, we will be revising all topics in the weeks leading up to the SATs test, to include number and place value, geometry, measurement, statistics and calculation.	English As well as revising for the grammar, spelling and reading SATs test, we will be focussing our writing around a picture book called Dr Xargle. The children will be writing some explanation texts with a humorous slant from an alien's perspective!	RE In RE, we will be learning about Ideas about God and what Christians believe about God's nature and character. The children will explore stories from the Bible, the Trinity, and how beliefs about God are shown through worship, making links with other world faiths.
History In history, we will learn all about 'The Cold War' and the tension that rose between the US and the Soviet Union. The children will learn how they competed against one another through the space race and how they developed and stockpiled nuclear weapons.	Geography In Geography, we will be learning all about the continent Africa and the varying countries within it. The children will learn about the past civilisations and empires of Africa, the Sahara Desert and Kenya. They will also look at the various biomes within this continent and make comparisons to the continents previously studied.	
PE In PE, we will be developing our skills in cricket through striking and fielding activities. The children will practise batting, bowling, fielding and wicket keeping, working as a team and applying their skills in competitive games.	Music In Music, we will be continuing to learn the ukulele, developing our confidence with chords and strumming patterns. The children will practise playing together, keeping in time and performing simple pieces.	