

Year 6's Half Termly Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome Back!

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

The Year Six Curriculum

Please see overleaf for the areas of learning we will be covering this half term. Knowledge Organisers 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!

SATs

Year 6 SATS tests will be taking place week beginning **Monday 13th May** We will send home a timetable with further information before this. Booster groups will continue in the weeks leading up to the tests:

Tuesdays 3.30-4.15pm – Maths

Grammar & Reading groups will continue to take place during the school day.

Home Learning

Please continue to support your child with their Home Learning activities. These should include daily reading, spelling practice, Times Tables Rock Stars as well as SATs revision for this half term using Revision Guides. There will be no home learning project for this half term as we would like the children to focus on their SATs revision using their revision guides. Perhaps they could create note cards or flashcards to help them with this. A reminder for parents to please sign the children's learning journals each week before they get checked every Monday.

Seesaw

We will continue to use Seesaw to share notices, photographs of what we have been doing in class, as well as good pieces of work with parents. Please have your notifications turned on so you don't miss any updates! If you need a reminder of your log-in, please ask and we will send one home.

PE

PE kits should be brought back into school at the start of each half term. Please note that the children have PE on **Thursday afternoons** this half term – **please ensure your child comes into school every Thursday in their PE kit**, which should consist of a white PE t-shirt, navy shorts/jogging bottoms and navy sweatshirt/hoodie with black or white trainers.

Sun Safety

As we are now in the Summer term, we will (hopefully!) be experiencing some warm weather, therefore please ensure your child has the following:

- A water bottle (please no metal water bottles)
 - A labelled bottle of sun cream
 - A white or navy cap or sunhat

We are a Sun Safe school - please visit the below for more advice and information:

<https://www.sunsafeschools.co.uk/>

Key Dates:

Tuesday 16th April – DebtAware session (5 Be Experiences)

Monday 13th May – SATs begin

Wednesday 22nd May – Year 6 trip to Edge Hill University (letter to follow this week)

Thursday 23rd May – Computing Day

Year 6 Team 😊

Mrs Ben-Ali

Mrs Hughes (Mon/Wed
afternoons, Tuesdays)

Mrs Symes

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any concerns with us, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can phone or email the office and we will get back to you, or feel free to pop round to the classroom door after school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ben-Ali and Mrs Hughes



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



Year Six Curriculum Map

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Maths In maths, we will be revising all topics in the weeks leading up to the SATs tests, to include number and place value, geometry, measurement, statistics and calculation.	English As well as revising for the grammar, spelling and reading SATs tests, 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 Ideas about God The children will further their understanding of the nature of God, His characteristics and His relationship with people. They will discuss stories from the Old Testament and explore the Celtic Trinity knot and prayers.
History In history, once our World War II topic is finished, 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 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.	French In French, our unit is 'World War 2'; we will be learning vocabulary for countries and languages involved in the war, improving our listening and reading skills and practising decoding words in French.
PE In P.E we will be developing our knowledge and skills in cricket. We will be practising our overarm throwing technique, striking and catching balls and playing in competitive games.	Music The children will be continuing to learn the violin in whole class lessons as well as learning about the history of music.	Computing Data & Information – spreadsheets. The children will use a spreadsheet to plan an event and answer questions.
PSHE We will be continuing with our RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) for the first couple of weeks and will then be moving on to Heart Smart lessons – No Way Through Isn't True. We will be looking at how to navigate through tricky situations.		