

Year Six'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 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!

SATs

Year 6 SATS tests will be taking place week beginning **Monday 9th 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 3.30-4.30pm – Maths
Thursdays 8.30 – 8.50am Grammar
Mondays 8.20 – 8.50am Times Tables

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 SATs revision for this half term. 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 and they will need to have tracksuits and trainers for these lessons, as well as black pumps for when PE is in the hall.

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 suncream
 - 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/>

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 Reid

Please see overleaf for an overview about what we will be learning this half term.



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 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 Ascension and Pentecost The children will review what they know about Jesus' ascension in to heaven and explore Christian beliefs about this. They will also look at how the lives of individuals have been changed by the holy spirit.
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.	Science Our science work will focus on 'Reproduction', meaning the process of 'making again'. We will learn about the two different types of reproduction, sexual and asexual, the development of an organism and its life cycle.
PE In P.E we will continue to develop our knowledge and skills in Basketball. We will learn about the specific terminology used in basketball, the rules and how to keep control of the ball when dribbling, passing and shooting.	Music The children will be continuing to learn the violin and are hoping to put on a performance for parents near the end of the term!	