



Curriculum Information for Parents

Autumn Term 1

Year

6

Literacy and Maths

Literacy: The non-negotiables will be taught for Year 6 throughout Topic Time. Writing opportunities will be linked to the topics and the children will produce a variety of different outcomes such as formal letter writing, extended narratives, descriptive writing and diary extracts. Related punctuation and grammar will be taught alongside the writing activities.

Every child will have an age-related reading book provided from school, please support your child's reading and write in the planner every time they have read and sign.

Numeracy: The focus will be on place value – reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers to 10,000,000, rounding and negative numbers; as well as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Topics

Week 1 & 2: What Would a Journey Through the Body Look Like?

During this Science topic we will be exploring the circulatory system; the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood; and looking at the impact of diet, drugs and exercise on our bodies.

Week 3, 4 & 5: It's All Greek to Me!

In this three week History topic, we will be delving into the Ancient Greek civilisation looking at how modern Greece compares to ancient Greece, what city states were and if they were all the same and how ancient Greece has impacted on modern society and where the evidence is.

Week 6, 7 & 8: Extreme Earth

In our first Geography topic, we will be looking at volcanoes, earthquakes, tectonic plates, the ring of fire, as well as going out in the local area to complete some fieldwork and using digital computing to locate countries and describe features that we have been studying.

Religious Education

The children will take part in a whole class RE lesson every Tuesday afternoon. Our first unit of RE is all about creation and science, looking at whether it is conflicting or complementary. This half term our Christian value is creativity.

Physical Education

Year 6 will take part in 2 PE lessons each week, on Tuesday and Friday. On Tuesdays we will be doing circuit training and on Fridays, we will be doing OAA (outdoor adventurous activities).

Computing

They will be focusing on coding using Purple Mash, as well as using the IPADs for numeracy and topic, where appropriate.

Home Learning and Other Relevant Information

At St Thomas' we value the link between home and school and we recognise parental support is vital to a child's progress and education. Check your child's planner on a Friday – tick off any home learning – and we will need an adult's signature too, weekly. Use the resources provided on the Year 6 website page to do extra learning on our topics; there are suggested home learning tasks on the Year 6 website page too – take a look and write any tasks that your child has completed in their planner. Additional homework might be set – only when appropriate. Your child needs to wear full PE kit for indoor and outdoor PE on Tuesdays and Fridays. Come to school in full PE kit on these days.