



Curriculum Information for Parents

Spring 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 poetry writing, recounts and biographies. 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 areas this half-term will be on ratio, algebra and decimals.

Topics

Week 1 & 2: Happy

During this two week music topic, Year 6 will be planning and composing their own melodic phrases using the pentatonic scale, as well as revising and learning new musical notation – then using this to improvise, play and perform.

Week 3: Robinwood

Year 6 will be enjoying their 3-day residential three weeks into the Spring 1 half-term. They will be enjoying a variety of activities including: zipwire, rock climbing, canoeing and many more!

Week 3, 4 & 5: Michelangelo

During their three week Michelangelo art topic, Year 6 will be improving their sketching, painting and sculpting skills – using Michelangelo's artwork for inspiration.

Religious Education

The children will take part in an RE lesson every Tuesday afternoon. Our next unit of RE is 'Why do Hindus want to be good?'. This half term our Christian value is love.

Physical Education

Year 6 will take part in two PE lessons each week, on Tuesday and Friday. On Tuesdays we will be doing gymnastics and on Fridays, we will be doing netball.

Computing

They will be moving on to 'Networks' on Purple Mash, in their computing sessions, 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. Weekly booster homework (SPaG, Reading and Maths) will be handed out – please support your child with this SATs preparation. 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.