



## Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 6

Autumn 1st Half Term: Sept. 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to a new and exciting final year for your children at St. Mary's School. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. This is a very important year for your children, but with your help and support it will also be a very rewarding and memorable one.

The term will begin with a History focus. During this time the children will have the opportunity to explore some of the historical events listed below, that took place during World War Two.

**Preparations for war**  
**Evacuation of the cities**  
**The Phoney War**  
**The Battle of Britain**  
**The Blitz**  
**The role of Winston Churchill**  
**Dunkirk**  
**The hardships of war**  
**Rationing**  
**The changing role of women**  
**The Holocaust**  
**D Day**  
**VE Day**

We have arranged an exciting event for the children; a residential evacuation experience at Lincolnsfields. This will bring to life the history topic **World War 2** and give them first-hand experience of being a child during that time. The date for your diary is the 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November and a letter containing all the important information for the visit will be with you soon.

Our English this half-term will be linked to our History topic and the novel **Carrie's War** by Nina Bawden. This will give the children plenty of opportunity to write in and explore a range of fiction and non-fiction genres. In addition to this, we will continue with daily reading, comprehension activities, grammar and punctuation and consolidating spelling rules and patterns.

In Maths, our main focus will be on number work, including place-value of whole and decimal numbers; calculating using the four operations and securing number facts. In addition to this, we will be looking at fractions; expressing missing numbers algebraically; converting between units of measures and negative numbers. The children will also have a weekly arithmetic session to consolidate their knowledge of the formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers, decimal numbers and fractions. There will also focused times tables practise and tests. It is really important that the children spend time learning their multiplication tables as these are key to much of the maths work that the children encounter every day.

Our Science topic this term will be 'The Nature Library', which involves learning about the classification of living organisms. The children will investigate the features of different plants, animals and micro-organisms and will be encouraged to use a range of scientific vocabulary. They will be set tasks that will help them develop their skills of observation and will require them to represent information and data in a range of ways, including creating their own classification keys.

On a practical note, it would be extremely helpful if your child always has in school the things that he or she needs to participate fully in every lesson. This means having a handwriting pen (no ballpoints), a notebook and essential stationery (pencils, coloured pencils, sharpeners, erasers etc.) for class work and full school PE kit for games including tracksuit bottoms for when the weather gets colder (all named please). In addition, Year 6 will be swimming this half term on a Thursday afternoon at the newly opened swimming pool located in Victoria Recreation Ground.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to come and see me.

**Home learning for this term is as follows:**

Daily reading for around 20-30 minutes each day, to include children reading chapters from our focus text at home. Books will be supplied.

**Tuesday:** Maths (an activity/worksheet task) completed by Thursday. Ongoing revision of multiplication tables. Daily use of RM Easimaths and TT Rockstars

**Wednesday:** English (comprehension/grammar/punctuation/writing task) completed by Friday.

**Wednesday:** Spelling list for a test on the following Wednesday

Science/Topic task/research will be set from time to time

**Could you please initial the completed home learning to show that you have seen it and annotate if necessary.**

Class teacher: Mrs. Susan Kelly

Date: September 2019