



# St Mary's C of E Primary School

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## KS2 Half Term Curriculum Plan - Home Learning Letter

Year 6

Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a bit of sun and had a relaxing half term break. I can't quite believe we are in the final half term already! Summer 2 is set to be another busy half term with: transition preparations, sports day, the residential trip to Cornwall, swimming lessons and an end of year production and leavers service to prepare for.

Subjects	Focus of Learning
<b>English</b>	This half term, we won't be working from one key focus text in the usual way. Instead, the children will be planning, writing, editing and presenting a variety of written pieces. These will include: holiday postcards, leavers newspaper reports, and memories of St Mary's. The children will also be working hard to learn their script and song words for their end of year production.
<b>Reading</b>	During independent and group reading sessions, the children will continue using Accelerated Reader resources and quizzes through this half term. They will also complete a number of comprehension based mini reading challenges.
<b>Maths</b>	In Maths, we will be consolidating previous topics and focusing on reasoning and problem solving activities. The children will take on some individuals and small group maths challenges and puzzles.
<b>Science</b>	In Science, we will explore the impact of diet, exercise and lifestyle on human health during our 'Body Health' topic. We will then move on to our 'Space' topic when the children will develop their knowledge of the Earth's (and other planets') place in the solar system, and their relationship with the Sun. We will look at the effect of Earth's rotation in space and will also explore why the moon appears to change shape
<b>Topic</b>	After our residential school journey, we will complete a short Geography unit about our local area. We will consider how our local area and region fit in to the wider world, identify and locate main features of our region and think about how it meets the needs of people. We will also be doing a coastal study and making comparisons between locations.
<b>PHSCE</b>	Our topic this half term is 'Changing Me'. The children will begin by thinking about self-image. We will then move on to further develop and consolidate understanding from their Year 5 changing me unit. We will look at puberty, development from conception to birth; discuss the topic of boyfriends / girlfriends, and look forward to the year ahead, supporting children at this transition time.
<b>Religious Education</b>	This half term Year 6 will be thinking about the Holy Trinity in RE. We will make links to our own lives and understanding; explain what a Christian might learn about the trinity from the bible and church texts; and think about how people can have different aspects of their nature.
<b>Art</b>	In this unit, we will look at artists who use their drawing skills to create objects. The children will use line, mark making, tonal values, colour, shape and composition to make work interesting. We will use negative space and the grid method to help us see and draw. We will explore how 2D drawings can be transformed to 3D objects and work towards a sculptural outcome.
<b>Music</b>	Our final end of year production will certainly be keeping us busy, with much merriment and music during our final half term in year 6.

### **Home Learning**

The children's home-learning tasks will be set on Google Classroom in the usual way. Over the Summer 2 half term, the tasks will be more topic based, with some relating to end of year activities. There will not be key English and Maths tasks as in previous terms. We will continue to have our weekly spelling lists and Friday spelling tests.

### **Reading**

Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home. Please also support them in learning their production script lines and song words. It is helpful for children to practise saying lines aloud, experimenting with expression and intonation, and projecting their voices.

### **P.E.**

We will continue to have a coached PE session on Tuesday afternoons. The class will also have PE on a Friday afternoon. On these days, children will need to **come in to school wearing their PE kit**. This should consist of their school PE t-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper or hoodie and trainers (not plimsolls, due to possible wet weather).

### **Key dates:**

- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 leave for Bude residential trip (returning Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June)
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June: summer fayre
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June: sports day (afternoon)
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 swimming lessons
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Barnet schools transition day
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 consultations
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: end of year production
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July: fun day
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: leavers' service @ St Mary's church

### **What does my child need in school?**

- Named school jumper or cardigan
- Water-proof coat (essential with the changeable weather)
- Named water bottle
- Pencil case containing **pencils, handwriting pen, small ruler, eraser, sharpener (one that holds sharpenings), colouring pencils and a glue stick**.

If you have any questions or queries, please send a message via the School Office email or catch one of the Year 6 team at the end of the school day.

Many thanks for your continued support,

*Mrs Jennifer Harris – Year 6 class teacher* 😊