

# St Thomas More Primary

## Summer Term 5 2018

### Information Sheet for Parents or Guardians of Key Stage 2

	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Class Teacher</b>	Mr T Guile	Mrs L Doda
<b>Teaching Assistants</b>	Mrs A Lawrence Miss Langford	Mrs D Heap
School begins at <b>8.50am</b> and ends at <b>3.15pm</b> . Please make sure your child is at school on time and that he/she is collected on time. Thank you.		

*Please remember to inform the school office of any change of address, home telephone number, mobile telephone number, or any other emergency contact or medical information.*

Introduction: Welcome back! We hope you have all had a wonderful break! We have produced this letter as a way of keeping you informed of all the wonderful things we are hoping to achieve this term.

GOSPEL VIRTUES	GROWTH MINDSET	BRITISH VALUES
Grateful and Generous	As a school we will continue to use the Growth Mindset approach to continue to help the children to challenge themselves and aim high with their learning.	Democracy

Please Remember:					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>PE</b>		Year 5: Outdoor Cricket  Year6 PE: Outdoor Cricket	Y6 PE: Outdoor Athletics	Year 5: Outdoor	
<b>Homework set including <u>daily reading</u></b>	Year 5: Spellings Hand in Reading Diaries. The children are expected to know all their times tables with quick recall.  Year 6: Key Skills & Revision Reading Spellings Times Tables	Year 6: Key Skills & Revision Reading Spellings Times Tables	Year 6: Key Skills & Revision Reading Spellings Times Tables	Year 6: Key Skills & Revision Reading Spellings Times Tables	Year 5: English and Maths. Spelling test day  Year 6: Key Skills & Revision Reading Spellings Times Tables

**This term we are covering the Individual Learning Project (topic): Pharaohs and Ancient Egypt**

	Class: Year 5	Class: Year 6
RE	Understanding Easter, Pentecost and the work of the apostles.	Easter Pentecost Prayers in the lives of the followers of Christ
English	Reading The Spiderwick Chronicles Fiction: Narrative, fantasy genre Writing Purpose: To Entertain Non-Fiction: ( to inform) facts about fantasy creatures such as goblins, fairies and trolls.	Revision of all grammar, spelling and reading skills in preparation for assessments
Mathematics	We will follow the New Mathematics Curriculum for Term 5 CLIC mental maths. Regular maths homework. Learning our times tables! The children need to know all of these so they can quickly recall and use them in lessons.	
Science	Materials and their properties: separating materials, states of matter, changes	
Individual Learning Project (ILP)	Year 5 & 6 Topic: Alchemy Island Art & Design: Contour art, DT: design and make Alchemy island model Computing: Effective and safe use of online research, computer networks, algorithms, using logical reasoning, coding and programming.	

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Other

**Spanish**

**PSHCE: We are learning to use the language of Growth Mind set to help us learn in a positive way. Democracy and British values.**

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## Books:

**Year 5:** This term as always, is extremely important that your child reads every night. This may be only a few pages but could be a few chapters. You will notice that reading is listed as a homework activity every day and must be given a similar priority to any written homework given. The children must complete their reading journals, which will form part of their homework, on a daily basis. By reading daily, the children will be exposed to a range of authors and genres, and this will help them to perform better in their own creative writing tasks. This is a certain way of helping to improve writing ability in conjunction with other techniques. Children will also regularly be doing .reading log work, Literacy based on a book and individual and guided reading in class. **Reading Diaries are collected in every Monday and should be signed by a parent at least once every week to provide evidence of independent reading. Please read with your child and discuss the meaning of the text and what the author intended to say. This is known as Inference and Deduction and is very important.**

**Year 6:** It is extremely important that your child **reads EVERY night**. This may be only a few pages but could be a few chapters. You will notice that reading is listed as a homework activity every day and must be given a similar priority to any written homework given. The children must complete their reading logs which will form part of their homework, on a daily basis. By reading daily, the children will be exposed to a range of authors and genres, and this will help them to perform better in their own creative writing tasks. This is a certain way of helping to improve writing ability in conjunction with other techniques. Children will also regularly be heard read in school during our Whole Class Guided Reading sessions and during a dedicated reading skills session.

## Homework

**Year 5:** Every week there will be spellings and two other pieces of homework. These are normally set on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday unless otherwise stated.

**Year 6:** This year homework is set in the same way as last year. The children will receive a skills based homework **daily**, which is revision and assessing their understanding and grasp of key objectives. As this is the case children should complete homework **independently** spending a **maximum of 30 minutes** per evening (please note it may not take the full 30 minutes to complete). If there is a concept they are struggling with and they cannot complete it without a lot of parent intervention, the children **should not continue** with the homework, simply **bring the homework with them uncompleted**. This is much more informative for me and we can address any misconceptions during our daily skills sessions.

## GENERAL REMINDERS:

**Punctuality:** Please ensure your child is at school for 8.50. Being late for school harms your child's learning.

**Uniform:** All pupils should be wearing full school uniform at all times and also need a pair of trainers for outdoor use and shoes for indoor use. Please refer to the schools uniform policy for guidance. Please ensure all belongings are labelled. Summer uniform may be worn this term.

**Equipment:** In key stage 2 we expect all pupils to have the following equipment:

Pencils	Sharpener
Ruler	Highlighters (optional)
Eraser	Coloured pencils (optional)

**Medicines:** Only prescribed medicines should be labelled and handed in to the office with details of dosage requirements. Please refer to school policy on handling and administering medicines. (This excludes asthma inhalers, which must always be named and with the child at all times).

**Water/Healthy Snack:** Every pupil requires a **labelled** water bottle. Please ensure children only bring **fruit or vegetables or** a snack containing **100% fruit or vegetables** for break time snack.

**Cake/Fairtrade Sale:** Every Friday there is either a cake or Fairtrade sale at break. Cakes cost 20p and Fairtrade products are 60p. Check your copy of the diary dates for cake sale dates.

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*Mr T Guile*