

St Thomas More Primary

Autumn Term 1 2018 Information Sheet for Parents or Guardians of Key Stage 2

	Class : Year 3 (Proverbs)	Class: Year 4 (Acts)
Class Teacher	Mrs Long & Mrs Skertchly	Mrs Machin
Teaching Assistants	Miss Castle Mrs Naser Mrs Ewers	Mrs Brooks Mrs Conway
School begins at 8.50am and ends at 3.15pm . 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.

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a good Summer holiday and are ready for the new and exciting term ahead. 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
Compassionate And Loving	Your children will be focussing on this approach to their learning throughout this term. Each week they will be sharing with you another short video clip and discussion questions as part of their homework as we all learn about how this can help our learning.	Rule of Law

Please Remember:					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE	PE (Year 3 and 4)		Swimming (Year 4) PE (Year 3)		
Homework set	Year 3&4: Reading Year 3: Spellings and Tables (learn for following Monday)	Year 3&4 Reading	Year 3&4: Reading	Year 3&4: Reading	Year 3&4: Reading Year 3&4: Written homework (Hand in by following Wednesday).

This term we are covering the Individual Learning Project (topic): Scrumdiddlyumptious

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RE	Belonging: We Gather as God's Family Reconciliation	Creation and the Story of Abraham Jesus Teaches us how to Pray
English	Fiction: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Non-Fiction: Explanations and Adverts Poetry: The Lost Words	Fiction: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Non-Fiction: Explanations Poetry: The Lost Words
Mathematics	National Curriculum – Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Length and Perimeter (Y4) Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Statistics and Length and Perimeter (Y3)	
Science	Animals Including Humans	Living Things in their Environment
Individual Learning Project (ILP)	Design and Technology: Prepare and cook using cooking techniques; Improve design techniques; Use research and develop design criteria; Test flavours and combinations and packaging Art: Sketching skills / Designing Packaging Geography: Use maps to locate countries; Understand Human Geography; Fair Trade	
Other	Spanish PSHCE: Internet Safety and Keeping Safe, British Values: Rule of Law, Growth Mindset Computing: Coding	

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Scrumdiddlyumptious:

In our Scrumdiddlyumptious topic, we will be exploring where our food comes from. We will be using map skills to locate countries around the world and finding out about the physical and human geography of different countries. We will also be learning about fair trade. Our topic work is filled with memorable experiences such as creating recipes, tasting and cooking and evaluating our products. This project has the scope to really help the children develop as independent learners by allowing them to take off in a direction that interests them. All of this under the guidance of the teachers of course!

Books: 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 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 heard read in school during our Guided Reading sessions and during a dedicated reading skills session.

Homework in Year 3: The children will be set a maths and a literacy activity in their homework book every Friday. The homework will consolidate and extend children's learning from that week's class work. The homework book needs to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Differentiated spellings (based on letter blends worked on in Literacy skills) and a times table focus will be set every Monday, to be learnt by the following Monday. Under the new curriculum, the pupils are now expected to know the majority of their table facts by the end of Year 3, so this is a very important task. Reading journals will be checked every Wednesday.

Homework in Year 4: The children will be set Maths and Literacy homework on Fridays. The Maths homework will consolidate and extend children's learning during that week. The Literacy homework will generally have a grammar focus. Spellings will be set every week via the Spelling Shed online scheme. The children's homework needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday. Children have been given Reading Diaries which should be completed every time they read and these will be checked regularly.

GENERAL REMINDERS:

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. All children should be in winter uniform by 1st October. Please ensure all belongings are labelled.

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 that your child has a healthy snack for break time, this must be fruit, vegetables or a product which contains 100% fruit/vegetables.

Healthy Snack/Fairtrade Sale: Every Friday there is either a healthy snack or Fairtrade sale at break. Healthy snacks cost 30p and Fairtrade products are 60p. Check your copy of the diary dates for dates.

Mrs Long and Mrs Skertchly

Mrs Machin