

St Thomas More Primary

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

	Year 1	Year 2
Class Teacher	Miss Fulker	Mrs Hudson-Ford
Teaching Assistants	Ms Bowman, Mrs Naser	Miss Langston, Mrs Naser, Ms Bowman, Mrs Lawrence
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.

Introduction: Welcome back! We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year! 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
Faith-filled and Hopeful	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.	Individual Liberty

Please Remember:					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE	Year 1 Outdoor PE	Year 1&2 Indoor PE	Year 2 Outdoor PE	Ye	
Homework set	Year 1&2 Reading	Year 1&2 Reading	Year 1&2 Reading	Year 1&2 Reading	Year 1&2 Reading Year 1&2 Written homework (Hand in by following Wednesday). (20 minutes.) Year 1&2: Spellings Spelling Test

This term we are covering the Individual Learning Project (topic): Paws, Claws and Whiskers.

	Class: Year 1	Class: Year 2
RE	Prayer, Advent, Christmas (1 week) Hinduism.	Advent, Christmas (1 week) Hinduism.
English	Animal poems, Dear Greenpeace, letter writing, non-chronological report, fact file	Animal poems, instructions, fact file, fables
Mathematics	2014 National Curriculum including 2D shapes, measuring length, time, place value, number bonds, mental strategies for subtraction, money, multiplication and division, fractions, multiplication and division facts	
Science	Animals, including humans	Animals including humans
Individual Learning Project (ILP)	<u>Paws, Claws and Whiskers</u> DT: Creating Animal Enclosures Music: Learning how to make long and short sounds. History: WW1 - learning about life beyond living memory. Computing: Internet safety, typing skills, powerpoint, coding.	
Other	PSHCE: Growth Mindset, Safe guarding-internet, safety and drug education. Healthy lifestyle.	

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Paws, Claws and Whiskers:

Soft fur, sharp claws and twitching whiskers... What's your favourite animal? One that meows? One that barks? Or maybe one that scurries or slithers? From pets at home to animals in the zoo, let's find out what animals like to eat and where they like to sleep. We will learn about The Tiger Comes to Tea and how we can look after our animals.

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.

Homework in Year 1 and 2: The children will be set a Maths activity in their homework book every Friday which should take them up to 20 minutes. 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 will be handed out on a Friday in the homework book and will be tested on the following Friday.

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 now be wearing full winter uniform. Please ensure all belongings are labelled.

PE kit: Please ensure that your child has full PE kit in school every day as PE days may change. This includes shorts, tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt and jumper.

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: Every pupil requires a labelled water bottle.

Healthy Snack Sale: Every Friday there is Healthy Snack sale at break. Items cost between 20p and 60p.

Miss Fulker

Mrs Hudson-Ford