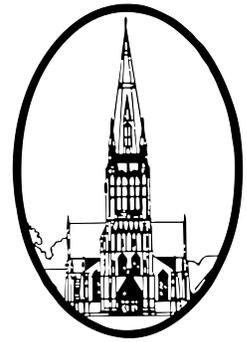


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be
the best we can be.'*

8th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas break. I am very excited to continue working with your children this year.

With Mr Drayton's departure at the end of the autumn term St. Mary's would like to welcome **Mr Mustafa** to year 6. Mr Mustafa will be taking over from Mr Drayton and teaching English and Maths as well as working with children in small groups for more focused work to aid their individual progress.

Together with Miss Otu we are excited about working with the children in the run up to SATs and the journey to secondary school as they complete their final year at St. Mary's.

Please find below an overview of the curriculum for the spring term in year 6.

English	<p>In English this term the children will be focusing on composition in order to improve their writing across a range of written genres such as persuasive writing, newspaper reports, non-chronological reports and recounts.</p> <p>In order to generate ideas for their writing we will continue to use quality texts from the Power of Reading schemes of work.</p>
Reading	<p>The expectation is that every child in year 6 is reading on a daily basis for at least 15 minutes. This is a very important activity for all children to engage in, helping them with their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. These skills are essential for their success in their SATs' Reading and Spelling, punctuation & grammar exams.</p>
Maths	<p>This term, children will continue to build on their mathematical knowledge across a range of maths topics, including:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decimals, percentages and fractions • Geometry • Measures • Statistics • Ratio • Arithmetic.
PE	<p>PE takes place each week on Tuesday and Friday. This term the children will be working on their hockey skills.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child brings the correct PE kit (Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt and trainers). Additionally, please ensure your child's kit and uniform is labelled.</p>
PSHCE	<p>This term in PSHCE year 6 will be engaging in discussion around the theme of 'Going for goals'. Here, the children will be reflecting upon some of their individual goals and exploring why these are important to them.</p>
RE	<p>In RE the children will continue to explore Christianity and we will be learning about what Christians believe about the world. We also will explore how it is that the religion continues to be practiced after being established over 2000 years ago.</p>
Spanish	<p>St Mary's would like to welcome Mr Enric who will be teaching Spanish in key stage 2. Spanish will take place once a week and year 6 will be learning how to describe the weather and how to talk about themselves and their opinions in Spanish</p>
Homework	<p>Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday and returned the following Friday. Homework shall be an important focus this term in order to adequately prepare your child for their SATs examinations. Please ensure that your child takes the time to complete their homework during the week and hand it in on time.</p>

I look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be another successful school term. As Year 6 begin to prepare for their SATs examinations I hope they are ready to work hard in order to achieve their very best.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and talk to me in the playground after school or make an appointment with me at the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Audrey Otu