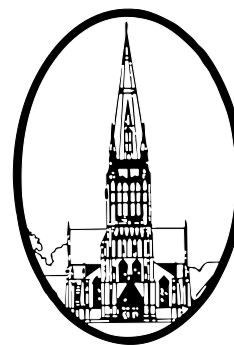


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*"St Mary's.... feeding the mind,  
body and spirit so we can be the  
best we can be."*

Tuesday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you had a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

Here is an overview of the topics that will be covered this term.

Literacy	<p>We will be reading and exploring two books:          -Hot like fire by Valerie Bloom          -Leon and the place between by Angela McAllister</p> <p>The children will be learning how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write to innovate</li> <li>• Write to perform</li> <li>• Write a playscript</li> <li>• Write a narrative poem</li> </ul> <p>Spelling, grammar and punctuation will continue to be taught throughout the term.</p>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number and place value</li> <li>• Addition and subtraction</li> <li>• Multiplication and division</li> <li>• Length (perimeter and area)</li> </ul>
Topic	Science- Can we control electricity?
PE	Gymnastics
PHSCE	Health and wellbeing (expression of feelings)
RE	Hinduism Big question: How do Hindus worship?
Spanish	Senor Enric Hobbies and activities
Music	Singing with Mr Cook Ukulele course

**PE**

Your child's PE day is **Wednesday** and swimming will continue on **Thursdays**.  
 Children should arrive at school dressed in the correct PE kit.

- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- White t-shirt or St Marys house team t-shirt
- School jumper
- Suitable trainers

### **Homework**

Homework will be sent out every Friday and returned the following Thursday for marking.

### **Reading**

We expect that your child reads on a daily basis for 10 – 20 minutes and that you sign your child's reading log every day to say that they have done this. Please can you discuss the plot and characters as well as the meaning of new words the children read. This will help to develop comprehension skills. Please remember to re-read the whole sentence once a tricky word has been solved, this helps to develop fluency. Your child's home reading books need to be returned on **Fridays** so they can be changed.

### **Times Tables**

By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of their times tables (1 -12) off by heart and their related division facts.

For example:

$$2 \times 5 = 10$$

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

$$10 \div 2 = 5$$

$$10 \div 5 = 2$$

Please ensure your child practises these times tables on a daily basis as part of their homework routine.

### **Drinking water and Fruit**

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure your child brings a **named** water bottle to school every day. Children are also encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break time.

Finally, I would just like to remind you that the school gates open at 8.50am each morning and that your child should be settled in class by 9am when learning starts. Please remember that the school day ends at 3.30pm and that children must be collected on time. It is important that staff are able to prepare lessons and attend staff meetings directly after school; therefore, parents of children that are collected late will be fined £10.

I look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be a successful school term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to me after school or make an appointment at the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Perdicou and Mr Roult