



# St. Thomas the Martyr C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back after our half term and here is to a fabulous five weeks of hard graft for us all here in Y6 as we work hard to cover an extremely compact curriculum!

PE lessons will remain on Thursdays - and in the afternoon. We will be having gymnastic sessions this term and therefore appropriate footwear, pumps only, and shorts are essential. If your child does not have pumps, then bare feet for this series of sessions is fine. The children have all been given this information and therefore I would expect them to have full kit for our PE lessons.

English and maths homework will be sent regularly as we draw ever closer to SAT's. The purpose to the homework is to keep the children updated and practising in preparation for their tests in May. Please hear your child read regularly at home and make a note in their reading record of the page they have reached. Also, please encourage the practicing of times tables and the divisible factors with your child – especially the 7, 8, and 9 times tables. Spelling and handwriting are high on the agenda this year.

Here are some notes about the curriculum your child will be covering this half term.

## **English**

The children will be studying the novel "The boy in the Striped Pyjamas" as their driver for diary writing and shifts in formalities. We will also be watching the film to enhance our understanding and give us visual clues about the characters. Thank you for signing the permission letters and I look forward to spectacular writing as a result!

## **Maths**

The children once again, will be bringing home Sat's papers and questions. It is important that they revise from this material. A wide range of topics will be covered at a fast pace so revisiting is crucial. Please support your child in their homework and encourage them to apply their positive mind set.

## **RE**

Exploring our topic of the Easter. We will be asking ourselves: Easter. Who was Jesus? Who is Jesus?

Science: We will further, our understanding based upon evolution and adaptation this term.

## **Topic: SAT's**

We will be working on a multitude of Sat's related topics this term and therefore our cross curricular lessons will stop for the spring term. We shall continue with music, art, RE and phse but will not have a general themed topic until summer term.

We shall be participating in a special service at St Thomas the Martyr Church on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and would love to see you there if you can attend. It is the Women's World Day of Prayer, and the children have enjoyed finding out about Suriname in South America, whilst at the same time, understanding the theme of "All God's Creation is Good!"

We are also having our Talent Show this term. This will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> March and 2 acts from our class will perform – so rehearsals should be well under way if your child wishes to be selected to represent Y6.

Yet again, a short term means a lot to fit in and therefore attendance and positive attitudes will ensure that we make good progress and cover everything we have to tackle this term. I hope that the children will rise to the challenge and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for coming to parents evening – it was fantastic to see everyone! My door is always open so if you have any worries or concerns – please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Aydin

