



St. Thomas the Martyr C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and spent lots of time eating and being merry! Thank you very much for your generous cards and gifts.

Below is some useful information and an indication of the teaching and learning that will take place over the next half term. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to me in the morning before school, after school or contact me via the school office telephone number.

P.E

Our new topic in P.E is athletics with Miss Brookwell. Please ensure that your child still has a full P.E kit in school and earring are taken out or covered on P.E days (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Kind reminder!

Last term some children brought toys/stickers/gifts into school. Could I kindly ask that children do not bring anything from home into school as it can cause problems in class. Children are more than welcome to bring in certificates or medals from out of school activities to show in class.

Reading

Thank you for your support in reading. Comprehension and understanding of the text is also an important part of reading. I have included some example questions that you could ask your child when reading. We do encourage children in year 1 to be independent and ensure that their reading book is in their book bag before they come to school. It is important that your child brings their book into school every day.

Parents evening

Parents evening will take place on Wednesday 7th February. I will send out time slots in the next couple of weeks

Thank you for your support

Miss Kenny
Year 1 teacher

English

We will continue to look at a range of books, both fiction and non-fiction. The children will Spelling is a key area in the curriculum and spelling lists will be sent home on Thursdays for children to learn. Please work on these spellings with your child in order for them to do the best they possibly can.

Maths

Children will focus on number and place value. They will count in steps of two, five and ten and look at the value of number (tens and ones). They will find one or ten more/less than numbers to 100. Children will also revise 2d and 3d shapes and begin to look at their features. Towards the end of the term children will be working with money and looking at different ways to pay for things. Children will also be introduced to multiplication this term.

Topic

Our Topic for this term is 'Our School'. Children will look at a variety of photographs from our current school and previous school building. Children will interview past members of school and look at how the school has changed since the children have been in it. Children will also look at playground games in the past and how they differ to now.

Spellings

car, start, park, arm, garden
girl, bird, shirt, first, third
turn, hurt, church, burst, Thursday
now, how, brown, down, town
own, blow, snow, grow, show
blue, clue, true, rescue, Tuesday
new, few, grew, flew, drew, threw

Common Exception Words

of, said, says, are, were, was, his, has, you, your, they

R.E - Jesus was special

Children will:

- know and be able to retell stories of Jesus

- begin to be able to make the connection between the Bible stories and Christian beliefs about Jesus.
- be able to talk about their own feelings and experiences
- ask and respond sensitively to questions about their own and others feelings and experiences.