

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all of your gifts and well wishes over the Christmas period, I felt truly blessed and grateful to be part of such a caring community. This term our topic is called 'Whatever Happened to the Woolly Mammoth?' and is a history based topic with a focus on Stone Age to Iron Age Britain. Please read the attached Topic web for further details.

MATHS

In Maths this term, your child will continue to build upon and apply their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division including solving problems using these methods. We will also be looking at telling the time, statistics and measures and having an additional focus on times tables. At home we would appreciate you working on recalling times tables facts whenever possible (they are expected to know all multiplication tables up to 12 by the end of Year 4).

ENGLISH

Your child will start the term focussing on instructions; we will explore features of this text type and the children will have a go at writing their own instructions for looking after Stone Age animals. We will also look at several stories by the same author and compare these, as well as studying poetry.

SPELLING

We are sending home a spelling list with 5 words to learn each week. These words are from the National Curriculum LKS2 spelling list and your child is expected to spell them from memory by the end of Year 4. We will be testing the children on these each week so please revise them at home.

RE

This term we will be looking at parts of the Mass, with a particular focus on the Liturgy of the Word and then moving on to look at Lent and how we prepare for Easter followed by learning about and understanding Christ's final days during Holy Week in the run up to Easter.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set on a Wednesday and is to be handed in by Monday of the following week. The homework will consist of a Maths and English task that will consolidate work covered in class. At the back of the Maths homework book you will find your child's

Timestables Rockstars login. Please encourage them to use this regularly. It's a great resource and they really enjoy it!

Please encourage your child to read at home each night and where possible find opportunities to share books or discuss books that you are reading together.

All reading records should be brought into school on a daily basis, even if your child is now a free reader. We would like the children to keep a record of what they're reading inside and outside of school.

PE

PE lessons take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week. St Mary's outdoor tracksuits are available for purchase from the office.

SWIMMING

We will be having swimming lessons this term on Mondays till Easter break. Children need to have their swimming kits in ready for these lessons.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that all of your child's uniform is labelled clearly to aid in a speedy return of any lost items. Just a reminder that your child should have indoor shoes in school.

GOLDEN TIME

Golden Time reinforces the positive reward systems we have in place at St Mary's. It has continued to be very successful this year, with the children thoroughly enjoying the range of activities available for them to choose from each week. If you have any ideas for Golden Time activities which you would like to lead with a group in school, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss further.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 13th February 9:30am – LKS2 Mass at school

Wednesday 13th February 3:30pm – Manor Adventure meeting for parents

Wednesday 6th March 9:30am – Whole school Mass at The Immaculate Conception

Wednesday 6th March – Friday 8th March – Manor Adventure

Friday 22nd March – Year 3/4 Class Assembly

As always, if you have any queries, worries or concerns, please come and speak to me before or after school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Badu.

