



St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

5th September 2024

Welcome Back! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly had many exciting stories to share.

I am very pleased to let you know that children will be taught French every week to widen their perspective of the world and encourage them to understand their own culture and those of others. Year 3 will have PE lessons every Monday and Thursday. As such, children will need to come into school on Monday and Thursday wearing their PE kits.

In addition, we ask that every child brings a water bottle to school every day - water bottles must have your child's name on. Please ensure that you book your child's lunch through Select online. Children should not bring any toys or precious items to school. This includes fidget tools - we have some available in every classroom to give to children when it is necessary. All children have received a white reading log. This is where you need to log their reading every day and where we will assign the children spellings every week. They should bring their diary in everyday so we can sign off their reading. The diaries also provide a space for parents/carers to write us a message and for us to notify parents/carers of anything they need to know.

Furthermore, we know parents are always very keen to support their children at home and we hope the following information will be helpful in supporting you to do this. To support their learning, they will receive a home learning project every half term in addition to weekly homework focused on three key areas: maths, reading and spelling.

Weekly Homework

Maths

As with spelling, regular rehearsal of the times tables is greatly beneficial. According to the National Curriculum, children are expected to know all times tables up to 12×12 and the division facts by the end of year 4. In class, we will be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables in a number of ways – one of those being on Times Table Rockstars. All children are familiar with this programme. .

Reading

Parents have an important role to play in helping their children to become better readers and to enjoy reading. Reading with children at home improves their progress and development. Therefore, we would like you to read with your child each day if possible. Please can you sign your child's reading log to show that you have heard your child read. This just needs to be a simple comment e.g. 'lovely reading' which is then signed. We understand that there will be times when you may not be able to hear your child read. In such cases, we ask that your child writes in their reading log when they have read independently at home. This should include the book title and page numbers.



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Spelling

Regular rehearsal of spellings is essential for the children. We ask for little and often as an approach as opposed to one big session. Every Monday, children will receive a sheet with the ten spellings they need to learn. They should hand these in the following Monday in preparation for their weekly spelling test.

Half-term Home Learning Projects

In addition to the weekly homework, children will receive home learning projects for one topic each half term. These projects encourage pupils to identify real-world problems and create solutions, allowing for more hands-on learning as well as helping pupils sharpen their critical and independent thinking skills.

The attached page has a list of home learning projects linked to your child's first topic - **Countries and Cities**. Please work with your child to complete at least two activities over the next few weeks. From the 21st October, your child will need to bring in their completed activities to share their learning with the class throughout the week.

Working together is important to support your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Wines
Year 3 teacher



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Completed	Activities
	Research different counties within the UK and create your own mini book with facts about each one.
	Write an adventure story traveling around the world. Make sure you research the countries your adventurer is going to explore and use adjectives to describe the different places and their key landmarks.
	Bake a traditional british dish or treat of your choice.
	Design a collage using drawings of different London landmarks. You can use different materials, pencils , crayon etc. Big art or small art. Be creative!
	Make a 3D model of a mountain range or hillside within the UK.
	Can you learn a Morris dance and show Mrs Wines?