



St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE: YEAR 6 - SPRING TERM 2020 NEWSLETTER

Below is a list of what we will be doing this term in all subjects. As you are aware Mrs Edwards will be continuing to teach the class Maths and Mr Jones will be continuing to teach the class English. Mrs Sims will be supporting the class in English and Mrs Lovatt in Maths. The afternoons will be shared between both of us as last term.

We will be basing our English on popular children's texts and producing writing of different styles and completing activities surrounding reading. We will also be improving our grammar, handwriting and spellings. Where possible, we will be making links to our topic which for this term is "Mad Monarchs".

Subject	Spring 1	Spring 2
English	Macbeth Horrible Histories: Terrible Tudors/ Gorgeous Georgians	
Maths	Variety of topics and lots of revision!	
Science	Evolution	Animals including humans
Topic	See attached topic web	
RE	Creation	Salvation
P.E	Gymnastics	Dance
Computing	Programming using Scratch	Spreadsheets
French	Ma journée / Les transports (Children's daily routines and travel.	

Maths

The children will receive speed tests or a practise exercise every week for homework on **Wednesday and Thursday**. The other homework for Maths will be to learn specific key number facts each half term - Spring 1: converting between decimals, fractions and percentages; and Spring 2: identifying prime numbers to 50.

If children have any problem with any aspect of their maths work, they are asked to have a quiet word with Mrs Edwards or Mrs Lovatt.

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English

Spellings will continue with the same system as last term. I will issue the children with a list of spellings that they can be practising over time.

Any child who struggles with spelling will be put onto the Nessy programme at school. As you know, spelling is a life skill and one that is tested 3 times over within SAT's: in a formal spelling test, within the children's everyday writing which is teacher assessed and within their SAT's grammar paper. Many children are able to learn spellings for a test but forget these spellings and spelling patterns soon after so we are hoping that a quick but consistent reinforcement will support your child in becoming a better speller. We really appreciate your support in this but if you find your child is struggling with this please come and see me about possible techniques. We teach spelling in class using Read, Write, Inc Spelling and give children opportunities and resources to help them become good spellers.

Please encourage your child to read to an adult at home. They can read anything from their school reading book to a magazine or newspaper in order to have it written in their diary. We would like to reward reading and for children to be exposed to a range of genre so they can find the style of book that suits them. Children can read any book that they find interesting and we encourage them to read different genres and forms of text including magazines and non-fiction texts. There is a strong focus on guided reading within school, more so than individual reading as this encourages comprehension and discussion of text.

English homework will be sent home weekly and returned each Friday. This will vary from skills reinforcement to research or extended writing. Please do not hesitate to pop in and see us should you have any questions about homework. There are always helpful website links on our school website as well as the use of the Reading Prompt booklet which gives you support in how to question your child about what they have read. As well as just listening to your child read, it is important to discuss the text with them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come into school to speak to me preferably at the end of the day.

Yours sincerely,

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