

# Welcome to Sycamore Class

Staff in Class: Miss Gorton: Y5/Y6 Teacher & Music/Geography Lead  
Mrs Holmes: SEND Teaching Assistant  
Miss Wright: Classroom Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Graham: PPA Teacher



# We will be learning about...

- Being a historian: How Darwin supported the war effort
- Being an artist: How to draw a scene
- Being a geographer: Map skills and Europe
- Being a sports person: How to play badminton
- Being a designer: Food Technology-Healthy options
- Being digital: How to stay safe online
- Being a scientist: Forces and how they impact upon us
- Being a linguist: How to speak basic phrases in French
- Being a musician: Songs from WW2

# My classroom

- A typical day in Sycamore Class will begin between 8.45am and 8.55am. Children will enter school via the back door on the playground. No bags will be needed apart from those to bring in lunchboxes. Your child will be given a plastic, wipe down 'Book Bag'.
- Children will begin the day by doing Maths '4 a day', followed by a Daily Worship. Merit Worship will be held on Fridays.
- Maths, English and Reading lessons will take place each day, usually in the mornings. Other subjects, such as History, Geography, PE, Science, Music, Computing, RE, PSHE, French, Art & DT are usually taught in the afternoons.
- Some children will be attending intervention groups, you will be informed by Mrs Thomas, the SENDco if this involves your child.
- The school day ends at 3.30pm, when children will leave by the back door.

# PE

- For the time being, we will continue to ask children to come to school in their PE kits on PE days. We are timetabled to teach PE on Wednesdays and Fridays (but this may change). Year 6 will go swimming on a Wednesday until Christmas and then Year 5 will go.
- Children **MUST** wear the specified PE kit as per policy
- Children not wearing the correct PE kit will be provided with a spare kit to wear for the lesson.



## Physical Education (P.E.) Kit for boys and girls

Black shorts  
White Polo shirt with or without the school crest  
Black pumps

Trainers are allowed for outdoor games only.

All P.E. kit must be clearly labelled.

# School priorities

- At St Peter's, we as a school are focusing our priorities on the well-being of children as part of 'catch up' and that children's learning is centred around our Christian Vision.
- As parents, we require you to be involved in your children's learning and we need your support to overcome some of the barriers we might face, ie hygiene, Covid etc.
- This year, we are launching a new reading and phonics scheme. More information will be shared. It is very important that your child reads regularly.
- We are introducing a new handwriting scheme to help to improve presentation and build stamina.

# Home reading and homework

- Your child will need to read regularly. You will need to record their progress and return their book & reading record to school on Mondays. Their reading book will be changed and sent home again.
- If your child hasn't read for a week, at home, we will contact you to discuss.
- Homework: Your child will receive weekly homework for spellings, English and Maths. This will be given out weekly on Fridays and **MUST** be returned by the following Thursday 9am.
- The Termly Homework Cross: Tasks within the cross to be completed by the date shown.

# Reading at home

**By the time children leave St Peter's they are fluent, confident and enthusiastic readers, who can recommend books to their peers. They have a thirst for knowledge, can read a wide range of genres and confidently participate in discussions about what they have read.**

**Here are some tips to help you support your child at home**

- Keep sessions short
- Keep sessions relaxed – find a comfortable place where you and your child can settle down
- Give lots of praise, progress may not always be fast – children do not always find the skill of reading and understanding easy to grasp
- Talk about the book before you begin to read – look at the front cover, and the pictures (if any) and ask your child to think about or even guess what the book may be about.

- Ask questions to check your child's understanding e.g. What might happen next? Why did something happen?
- Talk about the book afterwards – did your child enjoy it? Why? What was the best bit?
- If your child struggles over a particular word, try to find ways to help them remember it, e.g. by looking at the 'shape' of the word, or by guessing the word from the meaning of the sentence.
- Don't give up on the bedtime story, even if your child is a good reader. The more stories and books your child hears, the more they will want to read.
- Be a good model for your children – let them see you reading – anything and everything – newspapers, magazines, catalogues, books etc. – let them know that reading is a valuable skill.
- Tell them about a book or story you liked when you were a child. You may still be able to find a copy of it on the internet!
- Make up a story or telling them about when you were a child or something that happened to you at school. Remember you don't always need a book to tell a good story.
- Take it in turns to read parts of the story.
- Tell them one thing you really enjoy about listening to them read.



# Homework



## St Peter's Homework Grid



### Autumn Term

|   |   |   |
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|   | <p>Topic - History</p> <p>Interview someone who was alive during WWII. Ask them what life was like in Britain.</p>          |   |
| <p>RE</p> <p>It's Harvest Time! Write an A-Z of things to be thankful for this harvest.</p> | <p>Topic - Geography</p> <p>Research a country involved in WWII and create a fact file, including geographical features</p> | <p>PE</p> <p>Make a fitness circuit using household items. Eg. Run up and down the stairs for 30 seconds.</p> |
|   | <p>Topic - DT</p> <p>Bake/Cook a WWII recipe! You must use items that would have been rationed</p>                          |   |
|   | <p>Topic - Art</p> <p>Draw and paint the lighthouse from our class book 'Letters from the Lighthouse'.</p>                  |   |
| <p>Weekly English Homework</p> <p>Spelling Shed Practice</p>                                | <p>Topic - History</p> <p>Imagine you were an evacuee. Draw the items you would take with you in your suitcase.</p>         | <p>Weekly Maths Homework</p> <p>TTRockstars Practice</p>  |

# Well-being support for families in school

- Martine Blokland: Wellbeing Co-ordinator: Martine is in school Monday-Fridays. She can offer support and is contactable during the week, via email.



# Information for parents

- Please check that you are receiving texts from school, if not, speak to the school office.
- Please ensure the Office has your most recent contact details, for occasions where we might need to talk to you, as meetings in school continue to be restricted due to Covid safety measures.
- St Peter's CE School will soon be hosting a Facebook page, which will include lots of news and information. It will be updated weekly.
- Our school website, found at <https://www.stpeterscep.co.uk/> includes news, curriculum information, events and much more: please explore it!

# PTA

- Our PTA members are parents, teachers, staff and friends of the school. We meet each term, usually just after school, to organise fund raising activities and events, from cake sales and discos, to Summer Fayres and Christmas Markets.
- All funds made are fed back into school towards trips and equipment for all children to enhance their learning and discovery.
- If you think you have any ideas for fundraising, or can help with organising events, please come along. We need ideas for raising funds AND spending the money for the benefit of your children. Our next (socially distanced) PTA Meeting, to be held on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021, @ 3.45pm in Alder Class**. Your children can attend, there will be fun activities for them.
- Current ideas for spending include: outdoor Reading Huts; raised beds for children to become food producers/gardeners; charity donations to East Lancashire Hospice.
- We look forward to seeing you!

# SATS for Year 6

- SATs Week will be the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May. The assessments will be sat Monday-Thursday and Friday will be a treat day for all of their hard work. Breakfast will be available for the children in school each morning during this week. In Year 6 your child will sit SATs in Maths, English Reading, English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.

## WHAT IS A GOOD KS2 SATS SCORE?

- **120** – Highest score a child can get in the KS2 SATs.
- **101-119** – Exceeded the expected standard in the test.
- **100** – This is the expected standard for children.
- **80-99** – Not met the expected standard in the test.

## KS2 SATS SCORES EXPLAINED

- **AS**: achieved the expected standard
- **NS**: not achieved the expected standard
- **A**: absent from one or more of the test papers
- **B**: working below the level assessed by the KS2 SATs
- **M**: missed the test
- **T**: working at the level of the tests, but unable to access them (e.g. special educational needs)

# Other Year 6 things

- Homework is really important in Year 6 – we will be sending it home each Friday and we would recommend that you spend as much time as possible supporting children with this.
- Robinwood will be 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February. It is a fantastic experience!
- Swimming will begin next Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup>) until the end of term. They need to come to school in their uniform and bring their costume/cap/towel in a bag with them to get changed at the leisure centre.

**Any questions?**

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