

St Thomas More Primary

Summer Term 1 2019 Information Sheet for Parents or Guardians of Key Stage 1

	Year 1	Year 2
Class Teacher	Mrs Ewers	Miss Down
Teaching Assistants	Mrs Lawrence, Mrs K Knight	Mrs J Knight (Mon- Thurs) Mrs Bowman (Fridays)
School begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm . Please make sure your child is at school on time and that he/she is collected on time. Thank you.		

Please remember to inform the school office of any change of address, home telephone number, mobile telephone number, or any other emergency contact or medical information.

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Easter! We have produced this letter as a way of keeping you informed of all the wonderful things we are hoping to achieve this term.

GOSPEL VIRTUES	GROWTH MINDSET	BRITISH VALUES
Curious and Active	As a school we will continue to use the Growth Mindset approach to continue to help the children to challenge themselves and aim high with their learning.	Democracy

Please Remember:					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE			Year 1 Outdoor PE Year 2 Outdoor PE		Year 2 Indoor
Homework set	Year 1 reading Year 2 reading	Year 1 reading Year 2 reading	Year 1 reading Year 2 reading	Year 1 reading Year 2 reading	Year 1 reading Year 2 reading
Spelling Test Friday		Maths and English sent home Tuesday for completion by Thursday. Spellings set Tuesday for Friday.		Return your homework books to class today please.	Learn your spellings by today please ready for spelling test ☺

This term we are covering the Individual Learning Project (topic): Scented Garden

	Class: Year 1	Class: Year 2
RE	Easter Pentecost	Easter Pentecost
English	Fiction: How to wash a Woolly Mammoth, Princess Diaries. Non-Fiction: Recipes, instruction Whole Class Reading: The Magic Faraway Tree	Fiction: Little Red Riding Hood Non-Fiction: Instructions, recipes Whole Class Reading: The Grimms Tales
Mathematics	White Rose Maths: Year 1: Length and height, mass and volume, multiplication and division, fractions. Year 2: Fractions, Time and Statistics	
Science	Plants	Plants
Individual Learning Project (ILP)	Scented Garden Computing: Photography focus (Year 1 and 2), designing a poster (Year2) Art: Artist focus: Andy Warhol and re-creating his famous History: History of Oxford castle and other local areas.	

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Other	RHE: Drugs Education, Year 1 Ten Ten: Created to live in Community Module Year 2 Ten Ten: Created to Love Others Module
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Scented Garden:

Tiptoe through the tulips as your senses discover the blooming foliage and enchanting fragrances of flowers and herbs. Round and round the mulberry bush we go, planting bulbs and seeds and then watch them grow beneath sunshine and showers. Explore the astounding world of the scented garden, but be careful, there are some wild and dangerous plants out there that do astonishing things – just don't touch! Use the marvellous properties of plants, flowers and herbs to make an exceptional gift for somebody special. Everything is coming up roses! Why not photograph some of your own?

Books: It is extremely important that your child reads EVERY night. This may be only a few pages but could be a few chapters. You will notice that reading is listed as a homework activity **every day** and must be given a similar priority to any written homework given. The children must complete their reading journals, which will form part of their homework, on a daily basis. By reading daily, the children will be exposed to a range of authors and genres, and this will help them to perform better in their own creative writing tasks. This is a certain way of helping to improve writing ability in conjunction with other techniques. Children will also read daily in school.

Homework in Year 1 and 2: All children will be set Maths and English homework every Tuesday to be handed in on Thursday. Spellings will also be set on Tuesday and these should be learnt for Friday spelling tests. Friday which should take them up to 20 minutes. The homework will consolidate and extend children's learning from the week's class work. Reading is set as homework Monday to Friday and your child will be celebrated as a star reader every week when they read five times or more! Reading helps all areas of learning and creates a life long love of reading, please complete your child's reading journal every time they read.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Big Cat Phonics Books

As a school we are heavily invested in helping your child to become a fluent reader, we have recently purchased additional copies of the books that your child is reading in school to allow your child to bring the same title home to read to you. It is therefore essential, that reading books are returned promptly every week to allow the flow of reading books being sent home to continue. Please see your child's class teacher if you for-see any problems with this. We thank you in advance for making this happen.

Book change days:

Year 1: Monday

Year 2: Friday

Uniform: All pupils should be wearing full school uniform at all times and also need a pair of trainers for outdoor use and shoes for indoor use. Please refer to the schools uniform policy for guidance. All children should now be wearing full winter uniform. Please ensure all belongings are labelled.

Medicines: Only prescribed medicines should be labelled and handed in to the office with details of dosage requirements. Please refer to school policy on handling and administering medicines. (This excludes asthma inhalers, which must always be named and with the child at all times).

Water: Every pupil requires a labelled water bottle.

Miss Down

Mrs Ewers