

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas & I wish you all the best for 2019.

This term the children will be working towards their **SATS**, which take place in May. Because of this, throughout the school day we will be doing extra English and Maths lessons, as part of their revision. Although the school curriculum consists of much more than these two subjects, we hope that the extra work will help your child to become more confident in these areas & as a result enable them to have a sense of pride in achieving their best in the upcoming tests.

**For help with revision see:**

<https://trockstars.com/login>

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

<https://completemaths.com/teaching-tools/digital-manipulatives>

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

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## Class Newsletter

### St Stephen, Spring Term 2019

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Parents' Evening:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-8.30pm

**Class assembly:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am

#### RE



We will be covering work on Parables, Sayings of Jesus, Lent & Holy Week as we draw nearer to the most important Christian festival: Easter.

As the children will be taking their **Confirmation** next term, it is a good idea for them to start thinking about a saint's name and trying to find a bit of information about their chosen saint's life.

#### ENGLISH

We will be looking closely at a variety of different fiction books (e.g. 'Once', 'Then', 'The Bridge to Terabithia'), poems & the purpose & presentation of non-fiction texts (balanced arguments.). Literacy homework will mainly consist of SPAG online work (**S**pelling **P**unctuation & **G**rammar) & regular reading. Any additional reading done at home will improve your child's vocabulary & fluency. I suggest that they **read for at least 30 minutes every evening**.

#### MATHS

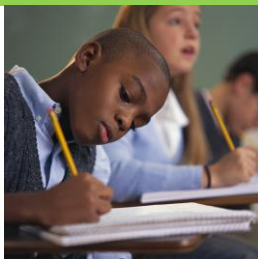
During this term, we will be working on a wide variety of Maths concepts (e.g. percentages, ratio, algebra & geometry). Once again the learning of times tables <https://trockstars.com/login> will greatly increase your child's mental agility. Please check Marvellous Me texts for homework each weekend.

#### SCIENCE

This term we will be focusing on Earth/Space & Light, as well as looking at important scientists & inventors.

#### HOMEWORK

Please encourage your child to complete their homework. Each piece should take no longer than half an hour per evening and will help them to consolidate the skills learnt in class.



**Thanks** for all your help and support. Once again, any feedback on this letter would be welcome.

**Mr D. Flanagan & St. Stephen's class.**

#### British Values



Ask your child about...

- **Democracy**
- **The rule of law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual respect**
- **Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.**



#### IT

This term we will be looking at digital programming on apps such as 2Code, Scratch, Hopscotch, Lego Fix the Factory. The children might well be able to access these apps at home (it might also distract your child from excessive use of Playstation, PC games & Xbox!).

#### GEOGRAPHY

Our topics this term are Water (& where it comes from) & answering the question, 'Should the high street be closed to traffic?'



#### PE

**Games:** Invasion Games (ball handling) (netball, basketball & rugby). Striking & fielding games.

**Gymnastics & Dance:** Synchronisation & Canon. Theseus & the Minotaur

Also, a reminder that P.E. kits consist of: white T-shirt, white/purple/black shorts (Games kit can be the children's own choice of sportswear). Please try your best to provide your child with the correct uniform for P.E. & that they remember to bring it in on a Tuesday (PE) & Thursday (Games).

## Some Key Year 6 Age Related Expectations

**Writing:** write accurately punctuated complex sentences, organised in paragraphs; use powerful verbs/adverbs and expanded noun phrases.

**Reading:** read with fluency and sustained concentration for at least 15 minutes; make inferences and predictions/opinions with evidence to justify opinions.

**Maths:** be fluent in the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division); apply arithmetic skills to solve word and reasoning problems.

*Thanks, Mr Flanagan*

## Key stage 2 SATs

Date	Activity
Monday 13 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May	English reading
Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
Thursday 16 May	Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)