

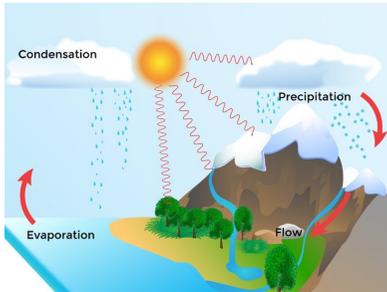
Geography

This term the children will be studying geography. They will be learning about rivers and mountains.

Locational knowledge: children will use an atlas to identify and locate the major rivers and mountains around the world and in the United Kingdom.

Physical geography: children will learn how rivers change from source to mouth. They will also learn about the water cycle and be able to produce their own diagram of this. Children will also learn how mountains are formed.

Mapwork and fieldwork skills: children will learn how and why we use map symbols and will learn how to identify and use Ordnance Survey map symbols.



Spanish

The children will have Spanish lessons every Monday. They will be learning how to describe appearance and will learn how to give personal preferences.

Computing

Children will continue to have weekly Computing lessons. Children will select appropriate programs for different tasks and develop their confidence with using these independently. They will continue to review how to stay safe online during each computing lesson.

How can I help at home?

Make it clear to your child that you value homework – set aside a specific time and area for your child to work on their homework. Your child will receive homework everyday in Year 6. Help them to be organised with their time so that all deadline dates are met.

Encourage your child to read a variety of texts and genres, not just books brought home from school. Listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text to help their understanding. Discuss what happened; would you make the same choices as the characters? Why/why not? Encourage your child to back up their opinion with evidence from the text.

Encourage them to do everyday mathematics such as telling the time, using bus/train timetables or working out the total/change in a shop.

Help your child to be organised –

- ◇ Are there any letters for me in your book bag?
- ◇ Have you got your book bag?
- ◇ Are ALL your books inside it?
- ◇ Is your completed homework in there too?
- ◇ Do you have your PE kit? Come to school in your PE kit on Mondays for our big PE lesson)
- ◇ Do you need anything for After-School Club?

St Mary's C of E Primary School

Year 6

Parent Information Booklet



What your child will
be learning about
this term and how
you can help at
home

Summer 2019

What we will be learning this term...

English

We will focus upon five different genres or styles of writing. Writing for a specific purpose is the main theme running throughout the term. Children will be writing to recount, describe, explain, persuade and to entertain. We will use our class novels as inspiration for our writing.

In Grammar, we will be looking in more detail at phrases and clauses, conjunctions and prepositions and possessive pronouns.

How you can help: make available and encourage your child to read a variety of different genres such as newspapers, letters, diary entries, information and explanation books, and poetry.

Discuss the different features of each – layout, type of conjunctions, language and tense.



Art

The children will use their geography topic 'Rivers and Mountains' as the basis for their art this term. For example, the children will use their painting skills to create watercolour landscapes. The children will also use their artistic skills to create props, posters and invitations for the end of year production.

Maths

Arithmetic: children will calculate using the four operations and apply this to decimal numbers in the context of money and measures. They will also practise adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions.

Data: plan how to develop a line of enquiry. Use frequency tables, pictograms, bar-line charts and line graphs to solve problems, using calculators and computers where appropriate.

Shape: estimate the size of angles and use a protractor to measure acute and obtuse angles. Measure the internal angles of regular polygons and record these, describing the patterns and relationships which may be seen in the results.

How you can help: practise basic skills such as multiplication or division with your child, for example, ask them to find $\frac{3}{5}$ of £40. It is important that your child can explain their methods and *why* it was successful using mathematical language. Ask your child to explain how they worked through a problem. Visit this website for Maths games and times tables practise:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
(Select maths and Key Stage 2.)

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education

This term the children will be learning about puberty and how bodies change during this time. Children will address ideas of gender stereotype and discuss the ideas of discrimination and equal opportunities.

After half term, children will talk about lifecycles and the ideas of pregnancy and also consider the idea of healthy/happy relationships.

PE

Year 6 will continue their weekly PE lessons this term. Lessons will take place on a **Monday afternoon**. Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their full school PE kit on this day.

Athletics: this term children will develop various athletic skills through activities such as running, long jump and javelin.



RE

This term the children will be learning about the journey of life. They will think about key milestones people reach in their lives and how Christians believe you can keep hope in difficult periods.

After half term, the children will consider the implications of rules and responsibilities for belonging to communities and in particular of belonging to a particular faith community. Children will consider the rules in religions and other sources of authority. They will also consider some of the rules and laws within Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

