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| St Mary’s Catholic Primary School  Year 5 and 6 – Eagles’ Class  Summer 2018 |

Welcome back everyone! Mrs Perks and Mrs Gill look forward to a very busy final term. Please continue to support your child with their learning at home as it makes a huge difference.

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| **English:**  We will begin the term with a focus on discursive (balanced arguments / discussions) and persuasive writing. Our trip to Paignton Zoo on 18th April will be the basis of this.  Following on, we will revisit narrative writing with a focus on describing settings and characters using expanded noun phrases, figurative language, prepositional phrases and adverbial phrases. We will also be looking at how to effectively use speech to help move a story along.  We are also having a focus on our spoken language which will culminate in a Public Speaking final on Tuesday 10th July. More details to come! | **Maths:**  We will be continuing to support KS1 on a Wednesday afternoon with their math, which we thoroughly enjoyed last term. We will move on to measure, shape and statistics and hopefully have some lovely weather to extend our understanding and develop our skills. | **RE:**  In Religious Education this term we will be thinking about Easter, in particular the questions: *What happens to someone when they die?* And *What does resurrection mean to me?* We will be thinking about – and discussing – our different ideas and relating this back to the resurrection of Christ. We will also be deepening our understanding of Easter rituals in the Catholic faith.  Pentecost and Mission follows this, where we will be discussing how we can spread the word of God and act upon his teaching. | **Science:**  The class will be learning about humans and other animals and using their trip to the Zoo as a starting point to develop their understanding. We will research and present information in a variety of ways. |
| **Additional Information:**  ***Year 6 SATs:***  Monday 14th May - Grammar and Spelling  Tuesday 15th May - Reading  Wednesday 16th May - Maths Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning  Thursday 17th May - Maths Reasoning  ***Year 6 Residential:*** 21st – 23rd May. | **Humanities:**  Crime and Punishment  We be look at crime and punishment from different periods of time. We will have fun taking our own fingerprints for analysis and looking at how to search for finger prints from a crime scene. | **Art & Design**  The children will be looking at Art through their Crime and Punishment Topic. They will look at E-Fit portraits and have a go at being sketch artists. They will also study graffiti as an art form. | **Music:**  The children will be learning songs that they will lucky enough to perform at the joint Axe Valley School’s concert. |
| **French:**  Mrs Fudger will be coming in to Eagles class on a Monday afternoon for the rest of this term to develop our French language skills.  The sessions will consist of games, activities and some simple reading and writing of French words and phrases. | **PSHE:**  We will be looking at friendships and relationships, how these affect our self-esteem and how to make ourselves and others feel more confident.  We will be developing our understanding of health eating and lifestyles.  The school nurse will be visiting Year 6 to talk about Changes on Monday 23rd April. | **PE:**  The children will have 2x1 hour PE lessons each week and the focus will be this term on Tennis (on Tuesday afternoons with our guest coach, Harry) and striking and fielding. |  |

**How you can help your child:**

**Reading**: Please encourage your child to read every day. Any reading to support their topic learning or our literacy units will give them a boost in our day to day classroom discussions.

**Writing**: The children have many wide and varied opportunities to write in school. Please also encourage your child to write for a range of purposes at home – this could be a letter, email, story, poem or information on a subject that interests them.

**Spelling**: In school we teach the rules, strategies and conventions of spelling. encourage your child to work on their daily spellings.

**Maths**: Your child’s enjoyment and understanding of maths is greatly helped if they know:

* How to solve problems quickly using mental recall.
* The multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and related division facts.
* A range of teaching methods to help them with solving the four rules of number.

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| **PE kit**:  Children will need their PE kits in school on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Kit should include a gold T shirt with the school logo, a pair of navy blue shorts, and trainers. Navy blue tracksuits can be worn for outside PE if the weather is cold. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure that earrings are removed or taped on these days. | **Homework:**  Children will be weekly homework from Mrs Perks (Grammar and also Reading); Mrs Gill will set homework which might be a numeracy/science or other subject-based piece of work. This should be completed by Friday of the following week. |

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

Mrs Perks Mrs Gill