

## ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

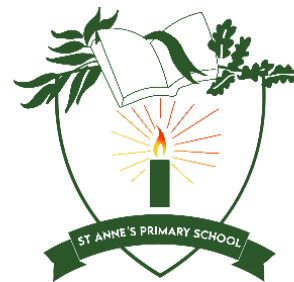
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**Headteacher: Mrs L M Harris**



21st December 2022

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

Please see **Spring curriculum map** which is attached.

### Year 5 Staff

#### Class teachers and learning support staff:

**Class Teachers:** Mrs R Kemp-Smith (5 Earhart), Mrs K Vadgama and Miss A Russell (5 Fiennes)

**Trainee Teacher:** Miss B Manners

**Learning Support Staff:** Mrs E Bruce

### PE and Music:

PE and Music will be on Thursday morning for both classes. **Children are to continue wearing their PE kit to school on Thursdays.** Please remember that **no jewellery** is allowed on PE days. Full PE kit is also expected which includes green shorts, dark tracksuit bottoms (optional), white T-shirts, plimsolls or trainers and a spare pair of white socks and shoes. Please ensure that ALL kit (including PE bag) is clearly named. Also please ensure long hair is tied back. Finally, it is recommended that all children have a bottle of water to maintain hydration.

### RE

We will be following the 'Come and See' scheme studying the themes of Mission, Memorial Sacrifice and Sacrifice. The parents' letter which outlines important dates in the liturgical calendar will be sent out in the New Year. Alongside this, we will be teaching RSE, which is now statutory. We follow a scheme named "A Journey in Love" which was produced by the Diocese and one lesson will be taught each term.

### Reading

The children will use Accelerated Reader which is a personalised reading scheme which ensures the children are reading a book that is challenging and appropriate for their reading skills. At the end of the Autumn Term, children did a Star Reading Test to give them their new book bands. Children should be reading 20 minutes daily using books within their reading band. After reading a book, the children take an online quiz. We find this to be highly motivating as the children are given instant feedback on how their reading is progressing. When children pass the online quiz, they should move themselves up slightly in their reading band so as to move their reading progress forward.

Every day in class there will be time for silent, personal reading. To maintain progress in this vital area of learning, it is essential that every child reads regularly at home too. Even competent readers need this practice. Please encourage your child to share their books with you by reading with them, discussing what they have read and letting them read to you. So much can be achieved by spending a short time each day on this sort of activity. Please ensure that reading records are completed and signed at least **5 times per week**.

### **Homework**

Homework will be given to the children on a Monday and will be marked on **Mondays**. The homework will be Maths, SPAG and reading. Your child's spellings are also included, which will also be tested on **Mondays**.

We expect the children to read **daily for 20 minutes** and practise their 'times tables' and spellings **every evening**. Children also have log ins for **Spelling Shed** and **My On**, which they also need to access throughout the week to improve their spelling and reading skills.

Your children have a **TT Rockstars** log in for extra maths practice. Please let us know if they are unable to access these invaluable online resources at home.

We appreciate that there may be occasions when it is not possible for your child to complete the task in the given time. If this is the case, please write us a quick note.

### **School Trips, Workshops and other diary dates:**

**Cultures Week** – 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January

**5F Celebration Assembly** – 23<sup>rd</sup> January

**Ufton Court** – 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Inset** – 10<sup>th</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> March

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kemp-Smith, Mrs Vadgama and Miss Russell

