



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Lower Key Stage 2 Curriculum Advice for Parents/Carers Spring Term 2026

Happy New Year! We hope this table and information below will give you helpful details of planned work for the new spring term. Please support and assist your child in exploring and discussing these areas throughout the term.

For general expectations regarding school and home learning, continue to refer to your child's home school diary as well as Google Classroom. Weekly updates regarding maths and English lessons will be set on Google Classroom by your child's classteacher.

We encourage all children to read to somebody at home each day. Children should aim to read a range of genres during the school year. Please refer to and discuss our reading 'Bookopoly' scheme with your child. **Year 4** children will also be set a comprehension task to complete each week at home. Spellings lists will continue to be set on Spelling Frame and we continue to encourage your child to use Times Table Rock Stars to practise their multiplication and division facts.

Thank you for your continued support!

Subject	Examples of areas we plan to cover
Art & Design	We will be looking at Roman mosaics to complement our history unit. The children will learn about the history of the mosaic and create their own versions. The unit will build on line and sketching skills as well as an understanding of colour and collage techniques.
Computing	We will be using our computing skills to work on specific packages to manipulate sound and create pieces of music. We will be covering further e-safety topics including how to keep your documents secure and being safe online. We will also be using Purple Mash to learn how to safely write and receive emails.
D&T	In Design & Technology the children will be embarking on a 'Moving Monsters' module, where they will be designing and making a monster with at least one moving part. The unit also incorporates pneumatics.
Geography	Our geography studies will start a new unit on the fascinating country of India, where we will explore its location, physical features and compare and contrast the life of children living in a small Indian village.
History	We will continue to learn about Stone Age to Iron Age until half term. We will then explore the Roman invasion and the influences they have had on our country.
Music	This term we will be having keyboard lessons in our music suite. These lessons will focus on recognising where the notes are on the keyboard, reading notes in the treble clef and playing a tune using the notes C, D, E, F and G. The children will also learn about different note values so that they can play a piece with the correct rhythm. They will learn to use chords in the left hand to accompany a melody. There will be plenty of performance opportunities during this unit.
P.E.	This term, the children will have lessons in dodgeball. They will aim to improve skills such as throwing, dodging and catching while applying tactics to outwit their opponent.
Games	During the first half term, the children will have lessons in hockey. They will develop their understanding of attacking and defending principles. They will aim to maintain possession and move the ball to score. After half term, classes will have lessons in tag

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	rugby. They will develop their understanding of the importance of fair play and honesty while self-managing games and learning and abiding by key rules.
PSHE	After Christmas, children will explore and discuss their dreams and goals for the future. We will then explore healthy lifestyles and choices in order to remain healthy.
R.E.	Classes will start by exploring the question 'How do people express commitment to a religious/world view in different ways?' They will study Christian, Jewish and Muslim practices to support their conclusions. The children will then move on to the enquiry question; 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?' They will study the events of, and the events leading up to, Jesus' crucifixion. They will explore alternative viewpoints to this question to help them gain an informed understanding.
Science	Our unit during the first half term is forces and magnets. Through practical investigations, we will explore different forces and how they affect our everyday lives. After half term, we will move onto the unit of 'Light'. This will include learning about the difference between a light source and light reflector, understanding how we see and an investigation about shadows.
Spanish	For the first half term, we will be learning colours and shapes in order to create our own Spanish piece of art work inspired by Miro. After half term, we will be learning about different fruits and being able to express likes and dislikes.

Please look at the school website for further details. The prospectus (which details how the different subjects are taught) is also on the website available for download - <https://www.stthomaspri.org/>

In addition, you may also wish to:

- ☺ research ideas at the local library and help your child to develop his/her library skills;
- ☺ search the internet for relevant websites and activities;
- ☺ watch relevant television programmes that may support their work, or visit a museum or place of interest;
- ☺ simply talk to your child about what they are learning!

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