



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Welcome back after what we hope was a wonderful Christmas and New Year! We hope that this information will give you helpful details of planned work for this new spring term. Please support and assist your child in exploring and discussing these areas. As you know, we are committed to giving you clear information and guidance about what is being covered in school so that you can support this by talking with your children at home.

For general expectations regarding school and home learning, please refer to your child's home school diary as well as Google Classroom. You will also find weekly updates for your child's class posted on Marvellous Me.

We encourage all children to read to somebody at home at least 3 times a week. 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 to support with this. Your child also has access to Spelling Frame and Times Table Rock Stars to rehearse their spellings and time tables at home.

Thank you for your support!

Subject	Examples of areas we plan to cover
Art & Design	We will be studying and evaluating the importance of Ancient Greek art. This will inform our own design and creation of Greek-style pots.
Computing	The children will be coding on Scratch and will use this skill to produce some interactive animations linked to our history work about Ancient Greece. We will also be learning about how to present information and staying safe on mobile devices, particularly exploring the risks of location sharing. As well as this, we will be briefly exploring the app and website What3Words.
D&T	In Design & Technology, we will be learning to integrate a programmable system into a commercially viable product. We will achieve this by using a BBC Microbit to create a step counter.
Geography	In geography this term, we will be studying the countries of South America with a particular focus on Brazil. The children will investigate the physical and human features of the area by comparing and contrasting different locations. They will use their mapping skills to explore locations and discuss the lives of the local people.
History	The children will continue to study life in Ancient Greece. They will evaluate the impact of the civilisation on our lives today. After half term, we will begin to explore the history of our local area, Brentwood.
Music	In music this term, we will link with our history topic by composing themes for characters from the Greek Myth, 'Theseus and Minotaur'. The children will need to consider how each theme should sound from their understanding of the story and will be able to use a range of instruments. There will also be opportunities for performance and drama during this unit of study.
P.E.	In PE, we will be starting a unit on dodgeball and in Games we will be learning the rules and skills involved in basketball and football.
PSHE	The children will be learning about dreams, goals and how to maintain a healthy mind-set. They will engage in whole class, small group and paired discussion-based activities.

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R.E.	In RE, we will be exploring the big questions: 'Why should we be good? What do the great philosophers teach about the meaning of life?' and 'Does religion bring peace, conflict or both?'
Science	In science this term, we will be learning about the Earth in Space. We will carry out our own research about the Solar System, find out about Major Tim Peake's role in the ISS space mission and investigate how the angle of the sun causes shadows to change throughout the day. Children will also be observing the way the moon changes each night.
Spanish (MFL)	We will be learning the vocabulary for different types of clothing, including colours and the grammar relating to adjectives. We will then learn about items in the classroom, exploring the use of possessive adjectives and negative sentence structures.

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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