



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Key Stage 1 Curriculum Advice for Parents/Carers Summer Term 2026

Welcome back to the final term of the year – we cannot quite believe how we have got here already! We hope that the information below will be helpful in giving you an insight into what your children will be learning over the Summer Term in KS1.

Please continue to explore and discuss these areas with your child as well as complete any homework tasks and activities. It is also essential to read with your child regularly; this will help with their fluency and understanding of a range of subject areas. Please make sure you note these reads in the home school diary so that we can track their progress in school and give them raffle tickets. Remember three reads of their scheme book a week gives them a raffle ticket for the Golden Ticket Tea Party draw at the end of each half term!

All year groups will be having English and mathematics lessons every day. We will be setting weekly spellings; suggested times table activities and other optional tasks. These will be posted on Google Classrooms each week as well as weekly updates on what your child will be learning in their maths and English lessons. Please refer to the home school diary to find their log in details for this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Subject	Examples of areas we plan to cover
Art & Design	In Art this term we will be focusing on creating texture in our artwork by drawing and using paint. We will be studying the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh and recreating our own artwork in his style.
Computing	In Computing, we will be using Purple Mash to learn about spreadsheets. Children will produce a spreadsheet which can help them solve simple mathematical puzzles, calculate how many coins are required to pay for an amount and present data graphically. Following this, we will spend a few weeks collating and organising class data into a physical pictogram. We will finish the academic year with a coding unit, where the children will create algorithms to code a simple program. Please try to explore Purple Mash at home with your children so that they build confidence with logging in and using the platform – log ins can be found at the front of the Home School Diary.
D&T	In Design and Technology this Summer Term, children will make a range of delicious picnic foods. The children will learn about different types of foods and look at a balanced diet. They will have the chance to explore a variety of picnic foods. The children will then go on to design, create and evaluate their own picnic snacks all for their own picnic which they will enjoy all together at the end of the Summer Term.
Geography	The children will focus on learning about our country where they will explore the UK by looking at individual countries, capital cities, human and physical features along with comparing and contrasting the capital cities of London and Brasilia. In addition, they will enjoy a geography field trip afternoon in Merrymeade Country Park to consider a sense of place and what makes this location special through the enquiry: 'What is interesting about the open spaces around our school?'
History	We will create a timeline of the key events in the history of space exploration, focussing in particular on the space race and the Apollo 11 mission to the moon. Using a range of sources, we will learn about significant individuals (e.g. Yuri Gagarin and Neil Armstrong) and make comparisons to modern day astronauts. We shall discuss the

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	impact of space exploration, identifying changes within living memory and thinking about how it might develop in the future.
Music	This term the children will be learning to play the recorder (Please note we have a supply of recorders at school for the children to use that are cleaned after every use so there is no need to purchase your own. However, if you would like to purchase your own, please ensure it is named clearly, and check with your classteacher which day you should bring it into school). Pupils will learn the basics of how to hold and play the recorder; to read musical notes and to play the first three notes; B, A and G. We will be focussing on breath control, and how to read and interpret musical note lengths, such as crotchets and minims. We will have the chance to play our recorders with different accompaniments.
P.E. and Games	This term in PE we will be focusing on rebalance skills where we will develop our strength and balance. In games this term, we will be developing our athletic skills such as throwing, jumping and running. We will then put these skills into practice on Sport's Day. Our final unit of the year will be on team building where we will teach the children about respect, problem solving, communication and working together.
PSHE	This term in PSHE we will be learning about relationships and how to build positive, healthy relationships. We will be looking at the school community and the people who help us. Next, we will look at our own qualities as a person and how to express praise to ourselves and others. We will then be looking at coping with change, we have already looked at the life cycle of animals and humans. We will form an understanding that changes happen when we grow and that is OK and we enjoy learning new things now.
R.E.	This term we will be exploring the enquiry question 'How did the universe come to be?' We will start by learning about the Hindu story of Creation, and then compare it with what we already have learnt about the Christian creation story. We will then move on to composing our own creation story. Alongside this, we will be learning about the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and the presence of the Holy Spirit at the feast of Pentecost.
Science	This term in Science we will be focusing on plants. We will begin by planting our own sunflowers and observing them as they grow. We will look at a range of different plants and identify and name the main parts of a plant. We will find out why some plants are grown from seeds and some are grown from bulbs. We will also investigate the different conditions that can affect the way a plant grows. Finally, we will continue to think about the seasons and observe changes to the school locality as we continue through spring and into summer.

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/>

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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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