



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Upper School Curriculum Advice for Parents/Carers Summer Term 2024

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope that the information below will give you helpful details of planned work for this term. Please assist your child in exploring and discussing these areas throughout the term.

As always, for general expectations regarding school and home learning please continue to refer to your child's homework 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 each day. Children should aim to read a range of genres during the school year; please refer to and discuss our reading tree 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 continued support!

Subject	Examples of areas we plan to cover
Art & Design	We will develop our sketching, painting and collage techniques in a project that is linked to our Geography unit on Brazil and the Amazon Rainforest. We will take inspiration from the artist Oenone Hammersley whose abstract and semi-abstract paintings focus on our natural resources in water and trees.
Computing	As part of our e-safety topic, we will look at the risks associated with group chat software. Following on from this, we will also be looking at web-design and producing websites based on our Geography topic of Brazil. The final unit is on 3D modelling, which allows children the opportunity to investigate how to edit their 3D designs before printing as a 2D net and then creating a 3D model. Children will also explore the possibilities of 3D printing.
D&T	In DT we will develop an understanding of the importance of buying seasonal food. We will learn where, when and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed. The children will cook and evaluate their own recipe that uses seasonal ingredients. Your child may need to bring in some extra ingredients for tasting and their final recipe.
Games	In Games, the children will be learning the following athletic activities: long distance running, sprinting, relay, triple jump, shot put and javelin. In the second half of the Summer term, we will turn our focus towards Cricket. In this unit, pupils will develop their understanding of the principles of striking and fielding. They will expand on their knowledge of the different roles of bowler, wicket keeper, fielder and batter.
Geography	We will continue to study South America with a specific focus on the country of Brazil. We will compare and contrast this diverse country with ours, whilst considering its physical and human features, climate and environment. We will take a closer look at the Amazon River and surrounding rainforest, life in Rio de Janeiro and the tourism industry. We will go on to study Patagonia and compare this with a small town in Wales.

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History	This term in History, we are continuing to learn about the history of our town. Children will set up their own enquiries and carry out detailed research into an area of Brentwood's history they are interested in. They will be challenged to present their findings at our own exhibition towards the end of term.
Music	In music this term, we will be linking to our topic on Brazil and learning to play Samba, which is famously played in Rio's Carnival. The children will learn to play Samba rhythms using the correct techniques on the instruments, building up to an ensemble performance of a famous piece.
PE	For PE, we will be learning the rules for Handball. In this unit, pupils develop their understanding of the attacking and defending principles of invasion games. Pupils will develop their understanding of the importance of fair play and honesty while self-managing games and learning and abiding by key rules, as well as evaluating their own and others' performances.
PSHE	This term, we will be thinking about Relationships and Changing Me. This will include our RSE topics which we will send further information about prior to the Year 5 and 6 sessions.
RE	The children will bring together everything they have learnt about peace and conflict to debate and conclude 'Does religion bring peace, conflict or both?' The big question for the rest of term will be 'Is believing in God reasonable?'. Children will examine this philosophical question from a variety of faiths and world views as well as considering their own ideas on the topic.
Science	We will continue to study light in the first half term. This will include investigations relating to how light travels, how shadows are created and how rainbows form. After that, we will be studying living things and habitats, comparing our local environment to the rainforests of Brazil.
Spanish	The children will aim to identify and describe items of clothing in Spanish by the end of the term. They will learn how to apply adjectives to describe the colour, fabric and price of clothing. They will then learn how to ask and answer questions in Spanish by exploring how to use a range of verbs in sentences.

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 -

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