



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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 home school diary as well as Google Classroom. You should also find weekly updates for your child's class posted on Marvellous Me via the Juniper app.

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 award 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 study sketching techniques and collage related to the Amazon Rainforest which will link in with our Geography unit on Brazil. We will be taking inspiration from the successful contemporary artist Oenone Hammersley, who has been exhibiting since 1980. Her 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 our DT unit, the children will be exploring the seasonality of vegetables in the UK. They will then develop their cooking skills by learning how to make pastry and cook empanadas, linking their learning to Spanish culture.
Geography	In this term's geography, we will continue with our unit on South America where we will compare the lives of children from Brazil with our own. We will go on to study Patagonia and compare this with a small town in Wales. We will also be undertaking our local field work at Shenfield Common and King George's Park where we will investigate our own geographical field enquiries relating to the use of these areas.
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 - details to follow nearer the time.
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	During our PE lessons, we will be rehearsing the key skills and rules associated with handball. During games lessons in summer 1, the children will develop their running,

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	throwing and jumping skills by participating in various athletic activities. Then in summer 2, we will be exploring the skills and principles involved in the game of cricket.
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	This term in RE, we will first be exploring how and why religion brings peace and conflict then we will be investigating the big question ‘Is believing in God reasonable?’ from a range of different religious and world view perspectives.
Science	We will be studying light in the first half term. This will include investigations relating to how light travels, how shadows are created and how rainbows form. In the second half term, we will be studying living things and habitats, comparing our local environment to the rainforests of Brazil.
Spanish (MFL)	The theme for summer 1 is ‘En el colegio’ where the children will learn the school subjects in Spanish. They will also learn how to conjugate the verb “to study”, will be introduced to time and will expand their use of opinions. They will develop the knowledge and skills to talk about the subjects they like and dislike at school and at what time/day they study various subjects. Summer 2’s unit is ‘Comer sano’. In this unit, pupils will learn vocabulary for 10 healthy and 10 less healthy foods. They will be able to say what they do and don’t eat or drink to stay healthy. Pupils will also learn language for different physical activities and explore a healthy recipe.

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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