



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Lower Key Stage 2 Curriculum Advice for Parents/Carers Autumn Term 2025

Welcome back to the beginning of a new academic year! It is so wonderful to have all the children back at school again. We would also like to note how impressed we are with how well they have settled in and how sensible they are all being with our new routines.

In addition to the Yearly Outline Curriculum Plan (available from the school website), this grid will give you more details of planned work for this term. We hope that you will be able to help your son/daughter explore and discuss these areas as well as complete homework tasks and activities. We know that children who talk to their parents about their learning make better progress!

All year groups will be having English and mathematics lessons every day. We will continue to set spellings, suggest times tables activities and set other homework tasks which will be posted on Google Classrooms each week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Subject	Examples of areas we plan to cover
Art & Design	To link with the Hindu festival of Diwali in Art, we will be researching Rangoli patterns and creating our own using a variety of materials.
Computing	We will be recapping on basic computing skills with a focus on e-safety and using the school network safely. We will then be exploring some simulation software. Finally, we will be learning how to use the internet to safely and efficiently search for information about the Stone Age.
D&T	Our D&T topic this term focuses on sewing skills, where the children will be designing and creating their own Celtic step patterns using Binca, learning a variety of stitches.
Geography	We will be exploring the regions of England and locating them on a map. We will focus on East Anglia and North-West England, comparing the physical and human features of those two regions.
History	This term, we will learn about the earliest civilisations, from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will use a variety of resources, including artefacts, to explore how they developed tools from different materials and moved from a nomadic to community way of life.
Music	The children will be focusing on the key musical elements including pitch, rhythm, dynamics, texture and timbre. They will have the opportunity to work as a class and in smaller groups to compose and perform on a range of percussion instruments. There will also be activities where they will need to show good listening skills!
P.E.	For the full term, Lower KS2 children will engage in rebalance sessions where they will develop their body awareness. They will practise poses and techniques, particularly breathing techniques, to help them connect to their body and mind. They will aim to build strength, flexibility and balance.
Games	For the first half term, children will revise basic ball skills. They will develop their throwing and catching skills by building on their accuracy. For the second half term, classes will have basketball lessons. They will learn how to maintain possession and how to move the ball towards the goal. The children will develop their understanding of the importance of fair play and honesty while self-managing games.

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PSHE	During the first half term, we will be discussing; how to identify our achievements and set personal goals, facing new challenges positively, understanding that actions affect ourselves and others we care about and making responsible choices. In the second half of the term we will begin to understand the word 'bullying', how words can hurt others, ways to help make others feel better and how to give and receive compliments.
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. In our Theology topic "What is the Trinity?" they will explore the nature and the importance of the Holy Trinity using various resources.
Science	The topic for Science this half term is 'Animals including Humans'. We will be looking at how we can group animals in a variety of ways. We will look at the purposes of the human skeleton and at how muscles work. Finally, we will explore the importance of eating a healthy, balanced diet and the children will create their own menus. After half term, we will be studying forces including gravity and friction. Through practical investigations we will explore different forces and how they affect our everyday lives. We will also learn about magnetism and investigate which materials are magnetic. The children will graph and evaluate their results.
Spanish (MFL)	We will begin the year by learning about the different seasons, and be able to express a preference. We will then learn about different types of animals.

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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