



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Upper 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 or arithmetic 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	During our Art lessons this term, the children will be exploring drawing techniques, learning about light, shade and tone by using a variety of drawing pencils. We will then look at the use of perspective within a drawing and produce a piece of artwork to reflect the skills we have learnt.
Computing	In the first half of the autumn term, the children will be refining their word processing skills using Google Docs and Microsoft Word. After this, they will move onto composing music using O-generator software.
D&T	In Design and Technology, children will build on their existing knowledge of electrical circuits and learn about pulleys and mechanisms. They will combine these concepts to design and create their own fairground rides.
Geography	Children will be studying the differences between Essex and Norfolk; through using their place, location and human and physical knowledge. They will describe and understand key aspects of Norfolk's physical geography, including: climate, vegetation and rivers. The children will be creating maps using compass points, symbols and keys.
History	The children will learn all about the Ancient Greeks during the autumn term. They will be able to identify key localities such as Sparta and Athens on a map. They will be able to place key events in chronological order and will learn how to infer historical information using illustrations and artefacts.
Music	This term, the children will be listening to, analysing and performing "Livin' on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi. They will be singing and also using instruments to perform parts of the song. They will have the chance to compare this song to other 1980s rock songs.
P.E.	The children will be developing their hitting, throwing and catching skills in rounders as well as their bouncing, dribbling and passing skills in basketball. In PE, we will be taking part in 'Rebalance' sessions where the children will be able to stretch and bend whilst enjoying some relaxation time.
PSHE	The children will explore and reflect on 'being me in my world' and 'celebrating difference'. The lessons will be discussion-based and children will have opportunities to reflect on their learning individually and in groups.

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R.E.	We will be exploring what it means to be part of religious and worldview global communities. We will investigate how people of different faiths interact and celebrate festivals influenced by their background and cultures.
Science	This half term, we will be learning about habitats with a focus on plant and animal life-cycles and how species adapt to the habitats in which they live. After half term, we will be exploring electricity. We will create a range of circuits to control different components and draw circuit diagrams to represent them.
Spanish (MFL)	The children will learn how to present themselves, both orally and in writing, asking questions and providing detailed answers about themselves. We will then move on to consolidating our knowledge of numbers, days and months of the year.

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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