



ST GERARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

SPRING TERM

After a successful Autumn term, the Spring term is in full swing! With SATS looming in May 2022, it is vital that children are attending school on a daily basis and coming to school with the correct attitude to learn. We are all in this together, and the Year 6 staff are on hand to support you and your child every step of the way! Please remember you do not have to wait until parent's meetings to get in touch. If you have any worries or questions about any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to get in touch. **Please ensure that you have access to Marvellous Me.** Important information, pictures and children's learning are sent here on a daily basis. If you do not know your log in for Marvellous Me, please contact the school office.

TOPICS

The Spring Term topics are 'Poles Apart' and 'The World at War'. We are looking forward to learning lots about these topics and we have some fun and exciting lessons planned to stretch the children's imaginations.

In Science, we will be learning about Animals including Humans & Evolution and Adaptation.

In Geography, we will be learning about Locational Knowledge, looking at 4 & 8 figure grid references and the key places involved with WW2.

In Art, we will be focussing on drawing and painting.

In Reading - our class novel will be Race to the Frozen North & Letters from a Lighthouse.

Don't forget to visit our webpage, <https://stgerards.npcat.org.uk>, Facebook & Twitter to find out more about what we will be learning and see photos of your children enjoying themselves throughout this first term.

READING

As always, we will be relying on your support to ensure that the children are reading to an adult at home at least four times a week. Including fiction and non-fiction literature would help to broaden your child's awareness of what is out there to read. This could include newspapers, magazines, leaflets, posters, comics, story books, information books, the list is endless. Asking your child questions about what they have read, will also help with their understanding of what they have read. Could you also ensure that your child has a strong packet or book bag to carry their reading books and records to and from school? Please can you acknowledge when you have heard your child read, whether this is with a short comment or just a signature. Lots of children are moving up the reading chart within class, and some children even exceeding the chart!

SATS

SATS this year will take place between Monday 9th and Thursday 12th May 2022. We are doing everything that we can to best support your child, and we would appreciate your help at home too. Booster groups will continue to be on a Wednesday and Thursday night until 4pm.

If you require any extra support to help your child with their SATS, please let one of the Year 6 team know.

SPELLINGS

Spellings will continue to be put on to Google Classroom every Friday and be given a paper copy. The children will be tested on the spellings the following Friday. Please help your child to learn their spellings, (including putting them in sentences) as this will help to improve their literacy skills as well.

HOMEWORK

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Compulsory homework includes reading at least four times a week, learning spellings and learning times tables to prepare them for their weekly tests. Times Tables Rockstars, My Maths and Hit the Button will continue to be used in class, and can be accessed at home.

Extra Maths and/or Literacy homework tasks will continue to be set weekly in order to prepare them for end of term assessments. If your child cannot access Google Classroom, a paper copy will be sent home.

Non-compulsory homework is the suggestions on the World at War homework grid. This homework will be shared with and celebrated with the class. This is an opportunity to be creative at home.

PE KIT

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday and Friday. As before, the children will be expected to come to school in PE kit on their PE days. Correct PE kit **MUST** be worn, this includes sensible footwear. (See below for expectations of the PE kit). **FOOTBALL KITS MUST NOT BE WORN FOR PE.**

If your child does not wear the correct PE kit, they will be expected to change into a spare kit from school. Children from Reception to year 6 are required to wear the kit specified below. Wearing the correct kit is important for issues or health and safety, school identity and avoidance of bullying.

Indoor PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt;
- Navy blue or black loose fitting shorts;
- Plimsolls or training shoes - these should be a different pair from their school shoes
(for dance and gymnastic activities pupils will have bare feet)

Outdoor PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt;
- Navy blue or black loose fitting shorts;
- Navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms;
- Navy blue or black tracksuit top or sweatshirt;
- Training shoes - these should be a different pair from their school shoes

LONG HAIR

Pupils with long hair must have it tied back during PE activities. Pupils should bring a bobble or tie to do this.

JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. If your child comes to school wearing jewellery, it is their responsibility to remove their own items and to look after them. Staff cannot remove earrings or replace them back into a child's ear. Please ensure you remove your child's earrings before coming to school if they are unable to remove their own. Your child will be unable to take part in the physical side of PE if they are unable to take earrings out.

FOOTWEAR

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black, sensible shoes.

Yours Sincerely,
Miss Hogarth & The Year 6 team

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