



St John's C of E (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays; we hope you had a nice time with your families. This half term is a short one but a busy one and we are excited for the children to share their learning with you at the end of the half term. Like always, attendance is very important and we hope to win the certificate for our classes this half term.

Topic (History, DT, Art)

We are continuing learning about Crime and Punishment; this half term is mostly child led. Children will be working in groups to create an exhibition stand to share with you at the end of the half term (date to be confirmed). We will be making models, sketching, writing and producing high quality work for their stand.

English

We are reading a wonderful text called Holes this half term and we will be focusing on letter, diaries and then creating a holiday brochure. Please see our subject overview for a breakdown of each week.

Maths

In maths we are going to finish our work on fractions, decimals and percentages and then we are looking at time, timetables, co-ordinates and then we will be beginning to revise everything we have learnt this year and in previous years. P

Computing

Last half term children focussed on internet safety and they produced excellent posters which are displayed in our corridors. This half term children will be creating group power points and they will be taught how to add animations, transitions and music. These will be presented at their stand at the end of the half term.

Booster groups

These groups start at 8am for all children on Wednesdays. We always work on fractions, decimals and percentages. Please ensure that your child attends these sessions.

Homework and reading

This will continue to come home on Fridays. Homework will include spellings and also some maths using our cgp books. Some children lost their first reading diaries, so we have given out new ones. Please note, we will ask for a contribution for a new one if it is lost again. During parent's evening we shared ideas for supporting with maths at home. Telling the time is an easy thing to discuss through the day and also looking at timetables. Practising formal methods is something children could do independently and also working on times tables. Children often struggle with converting units of measure so looking at weight on food packaging is helpful and working out how to convert from grams/kilograms, pence, pounds, minutes, seconds etc.

PE and Library

Children need their library books on Tuesday and they need a PE kit in school each day. We have two sessions a week Tuesday and Thursday. Children are using the apparatus this half term and will continue their gymnastic work with Mr Mills.

SATS meeting

Our rescheduled sats meeting is on **Thursday 17th October**. One is at 3:30pm and the other is at 6pm. We will share what the tests look like and how they are reported to you at the end of the year. We hope you can come.

Thank you for your support
Mr Dickin and Miss Havey

