

# Margaret Roper Catholic Primary School

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# Year 6 Autumn Term 2

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

We hope you are all well.

Here is an outline of what we will be covering this half term, it would be helpful if you could assist your child's learning by giving them opportunities to use the library, internet and your own knowledge as we explore these topics.

The children settled in very well during the first part of the Autumn term. They came back to school with a positive attitude towards learning. We are encouraging them to be more independent and to have high expectations of themselves and what they are capable of.

#### Maths

This half term the main focus is on Fractions:
Simplifying and finding equivalent fractions
Ordering and comparing
Placing fractions on a number line
Adding and subtracting fractions (including mixed numbers)
Multiplying and dividing fractions (including integers)
Finding fractions of amounts

After fractions we look at position and direction: Coordinates in 4 quadrants Translations reflections

It is vitally important that your child knows their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. In Year 6, the pace is fast, there is a lot to get through and we do not have time to go back and teach times tables that should have been embedded by the end of Year 4. We would appreciate your support in helping your child to consolidate and reinforce the instant recall of tables facts. They will need these across most areas of Maths and without them they will struggle. Thank you in advance for your support with this. Remember your child has access to mathletics and TT Rockstars to assist with this. There are also helpful resources on the White Rose Maths website.

#### **English**

We have already read and enjoyed 'The Lady of Shalott' by Alfred Lord Tennyson and have just started 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie. Through the whole book approach we will cover a variety of writing and grammar content.

As a school we encourage the children to read every day of the week at home and at school. Regular reading is very important in consolidating what the children are learning at school. It is important that the children continue to develop their comprehension and decoding skills so please take every opportunity to share books with your child. The children will also have regular opportunities for independent reading for pleasure and for comprehensions.

#### <u>Homework</u>

A short homework task will be given every day in order to prepare the children for the daily homework demands they will face in Year 7! It is very important that all homework tasks are completed as they are either a task to reinforce class learning or an activity to prepare for future class learning. Children will be given two days to complete homework tasks (slightly longer for research work). Homework will be set online on Google Classroom. Spellings are also on Google Classroom

If your child has a problem with the homework (technical glitch or other) please encourage them to come and speak to us about it.

### Homework Timetable

Given on	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	English	Maths	English	Maths	Topic/Research
					based
Hand in on	Wednesday	Thursday	Monday	Monday	Monday

# Websites/resources

TT Rockstars (you were given a username and password just before lockdown)

Mathletics

White Rose Maths – we follow the scheme at school and they have some online resources for home learning Oak Academy – set up during lockdown to provide online learning and content still being added BBC Bitesize

<u>PE</u>

Amethyst – Monday Violet - Tuesday

## Themes this half term

Geography Extreme Earth

Science Healthy Bodies (main focus- the circulatory system and heart)

RE Vocation and Commitment (sacrament focused topic)

Expectations (Advent and Christmas)

Thank you for your ongoing support

Year 6 Team