

Saints Class Newsletter – Term 2

Welcome back! We hope you managed to get some rest over the half term, and you are ready to start term 2 with all its exciting learning opportunities. As always, the door is always open, so please pop by for a chat (socially distanced of course!) if you have anything at all you wish to discuss or alternatively send us a message via the class webpage and we will get back to you.

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Mrs Dobbs and Mrs Stukins.

Hola Mexico

We have so much to explore and discover this term, as we travel across the Atlantic to Mexico. We will be using world maps and satellite images to locate Mexico, identifying which hemisphere it is in, its location in relation to the equator, and its surrounding countries. We will explore the ancient Maya including the history of chocolate. We will be getting creative and will design a sugar skull mask during our 'Day of the Dead' celebrations and making a wind instrument for our end of term festival.

In **Maths**, we are learning about Multiplication and Division (including multiples and factors) and Area and Perimeter.

In **English** we are exploring 'Writing to Entertain' texts including: character and setting description, blackout poetry and narrative writing.

During our **Science** lessons this term, we are exploring the human lifecycle, including key developmental milestones.

In **RE**, we will be looking at the impact that faith has on the Muslim community.

Home learning

Home learning will be given out weekly for this term on a Thursday and needs to be returned by the following Tuesday. There will be one piece of Maths, Reading and Writing per week and this will be based on our learning in class.

Spelling

Children will have weekly spellings based on taught spelling rules in the class. Children will get a fresh set of spellings each week. Working with your child to help them practise at home will really help them achieve the expected level for Year 5. Spellings will be tested and marked every Friday.

Reading

In Year 5, we ask that the children read to someone at home a minimum of **5 times per week**. This reading may consist of a variety of texts; from novels, to recipes, newspapers and even football programmes! Please sign in your child's reading record each time they read to you. We will be changing reading books once a week, on **Thursdays**.

PE Days

Our PE will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure that **your child comes to school in their full PE kit** on these days. Earrings should be removed at home or they will need to be taped up during PE lessons (please provide the tape). All children need to bring a coat into school every day. We aim to get outside as much as possible. Children also need to bring a bottle of water to school daily to ensure they remain hydrated.