



Autumn Term in Peace and Humility Classes...

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Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful and relaxing summer break, ready for a busy school year! We are delighted that the children have returned to school safely and we are looking forward to getting to know them even more and helping them make lots of memories in their final year in our school family.

We have many exciting activities, events and units of work to look forward to this year. We will be sharing updates on social media and our school website, so please go to: <https://www.stthomasacademy.co.uk/class-pages/> to find our class pages, which have information on the exciting learning for the term. To keep up to date with what is happening in Year 6 on Twitter, make sure to follow @Sapheron_Shaw, and the school Twitter account @StThomasBoston



At St Thomas' we teach each subject to develop everyone's ability to work as experts. Each unit has a big question that we will answer over the course of the term. Each lesson will allow us to build knowledge and understanding to enable us to independently answer the question using examples and evidence from what is taught.

Make sure you check the class pages to follow our learning journey for each unit of work.

Reading Books These need to be in school **daily**. In Year 6 children are allowed to change their books on a **Monday**. If your child has a longer book, they will be able to keep them for longer than a week. Please continue to sign their reading record, at least three times weekly, and let us know anything else your child has enjoyed reading at home. Children should aim to read a little each day.

In order to help your child develop their reading skills, it would be very helpful if you could discuss the books they are reading with your child. In particular to identify new, challenging vocabulary and to make a note of it to be able to bring new words into class to share with others. When your child has read the book, you may want to ask them questions to ensure that they are able to confidently answer comprehension questions about the text. In Year 6, the children should record their own comments and thoughts about the books that they read in their Reading Record.



Homework is important and we expect everyone to complete it and hand it in on time. It helps consolidate learning and build up your child's confidence. Supporting school by encouraging your child to do their homework independently will prepare them for their transition to secondary school. Homework will be set every **Friday** and should be completed and handed in by **Wednesday**. If you have any concerns with this, please see your child's class teacher.

Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested on a Friday. Learning spellings is not just about being able to recall them for a test. The children need to practise spellings in order to remember them long-term for use in their writing as well. Spellings are in the spelling homework book and should be practised regularly. We advise children use a Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check approach as set out on the spelling sheet. Other ways to help children learn include chanting the letters, finding words within words, and circling the letter combinations they find tricky. This makes the learning more exciting and memorable.



Our spellings this year build upon the rules learnt throughout Key Stage Two

School Dinners

Yum yum! Willoughby Foods are continuing to provide our school dinners this year. If you would like your child to have a lunch provided by Willoughby Foods, please visit www.willoughby-foods.co.uk. Alternatively, further information about school meals can be found on the school's website.

P.E

P.E kits must be in school at all times. Please remember that the children **must** be able to take their earrings out and have long hair tied back for safety reasons during our P.E lessons. For the Autumn term, we will be having one Outdoor P.E lesson weekly on **Friday afternoon** as well as going swimming on a Wednesday morning.

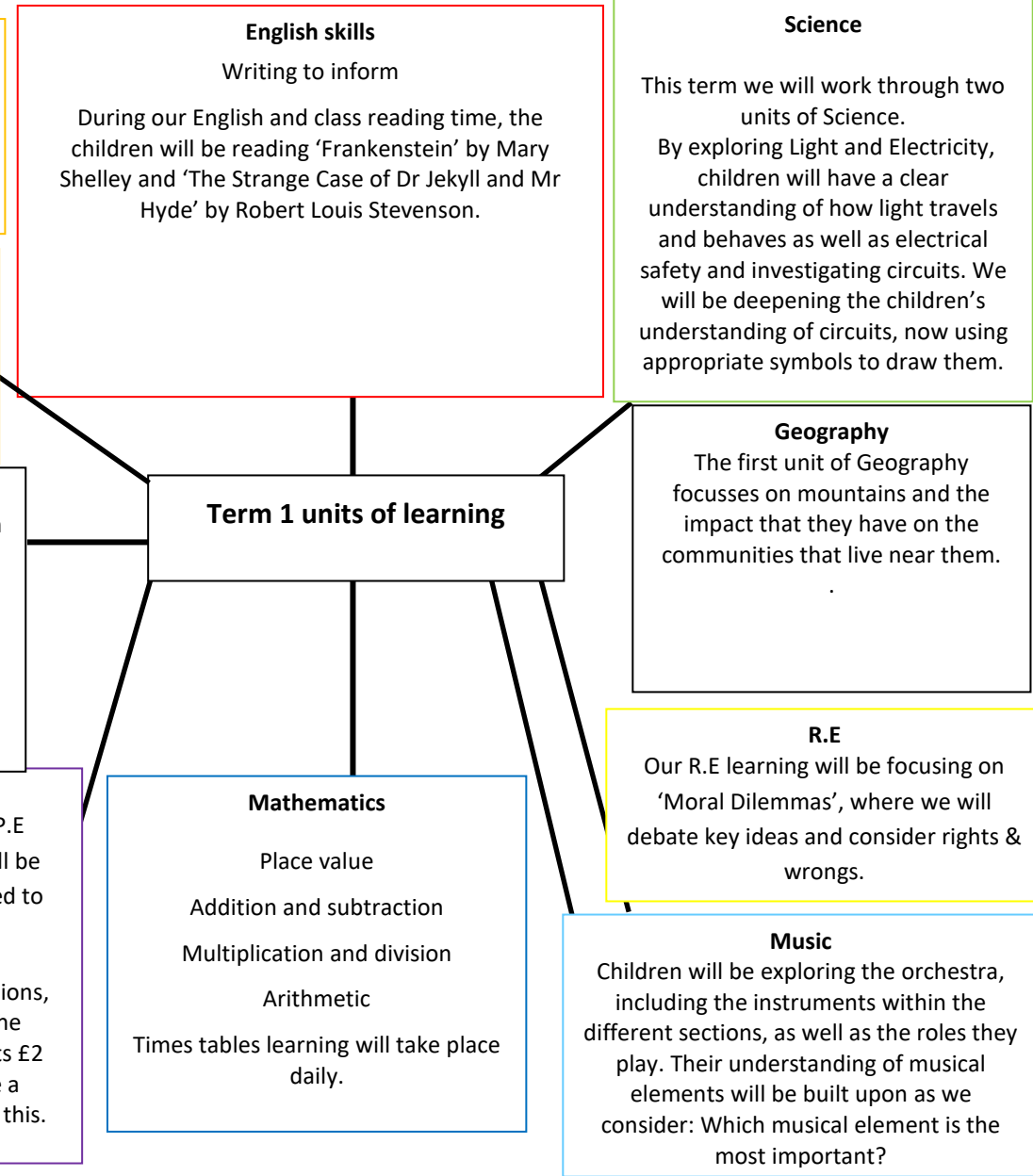
For P.E, your child should wear a navy blue or white T-shirt, dark shorts or P.E skirt. Children are encouraged to bring a dark tracksuit for outdoor P.E during the winter months and wear trainers. A carrier bag is always handy to keep muddy shoes in!

Leggings are **not suitable** for P.E and should not be worn. Each item of your child's P.E kit **must** be labelled clearly with their name; this will hopefully prevent items from going missing! We really appreciate your support with this.





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Upcoming dates

Friday 16th September - 11+ Paper 1 (verbal)
 Friday 23rd September - 11+ Paper 2 (non-verbal)
 Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th September - PGL residential

During the first three weeks of term, Mrs Shaw is running an 11+ club for the children who would like additional support. Please make sure that you have registered with the High School or the Grammar School if you would like your child to sit the 11+ test.

E-safety

Safety is very important to us and your children, so they will be learning how to keep themselves safe throughout the curriculum, through our safety days and curriculum weeks. The internet is such an amazing resource, but children must know how to use it safely. We ask for your support with teaching your child to use websites and apps safely at home too. E-safety is discussed in every lesson, using the following words and symbols:



useful websites to help Year 6 with their learning:

Maths Shed: <https://play.edshed.com> - this forms part of our weekly homework.

My Mini Maths - this is a great resource for the children to use to practise all four operations and key objectives linked to the Maths curriculum.

<https://myminimaths.co.uk/year-6-mini-maths/>

Times tables - the websites below are regularly used in school and the children are familiar with using them:

Hit the Button: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Maths Shed: <https://play.edshed.com>

We are both thrilled to be teaching the children in their final year at St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy and we know that the children are excited about having the opportunities to work with both teachers at different points in the week.

Should you have any concerns at all, we are more than happy to speak to you either before or after school, or please book an appointment through the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Shaw and Miss Dysart

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