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St Martin's CE  
Primary School

## Homework

Each week, children will receive their homework on a Monday with one piece of Maths homework and one piece of English homework. These pieces of homework are due in on a Thursday and we encourage children to speak to a member of staff during the week if they are unsure how to complete it.

In their homework, children will also be given a list of spellings to practise for the test on a Friday. Please encourage children to practise these regularly throughout the week. Children will also be focusing on improving their handwriting, particularly how to write using joined up handwriting. It would be useful if children could practise their handwriting with you at home.

## Don't forget...

Please ensure your child brings their PE kit on a Monday ready for any PE sessions during the week. Currently, PE sessions will take place on a Friday Afternoon. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure they remove any earrings before arriving at school if they are unable to remove them by themselves. PE will be taking place outdoors where possible; therefore, it is important they have appropriate clothing such as jumpers and tracksuit bottoms, as well as their full school PE kit.

## Year 6 Curriculum Leaflet

As the Year 6 SATs tests draw closer, we understand that you may want to support your child at home. In this leaflet, you will find out about what your child will be learning during this half term and how you can help them.

It gives you information about what is going to be taught in all areas of the curriculum in school and suggests some ways in which you can get involved to support your child.

We see this as a great opportunity for you to share in your child's education.

On the back page you will find further information regarding homework and what to expect each week.

Thank you for your support!  
Year 6 Staff

Miss Wall  
Class Teacher

Ms Pearce  
Teaching Assistant

## Did you know...

- From June 13 to June 18, 1940, around 100,000 children were evacuated.
- During the Blitz, London was bombed every day and night, except one, for 11 weeks. One third of London was destroyed.
- Around 64 million people died in World War 2 – that's more than the entire population of the United Kingdom.



## Our Topic

This term our topic is all about World War Two. Children will be developing skills in all areas of the curriculum through this topic. They will be focusing on investigating how life during this period of time compares to life in modern society. This will include looking in more depth at rationing, evacuations and significant individuals such as Adolf Hitler and Winston Churchill.

We'd love for you to get involved and help your child get a better understanding of the topic. There are many ways you can help your child such as:

- Research World War Two on the internet
- Watch documentaries on the TV
- Read World War Two information books

## Maths

As we prepare for the SATs tests in the summer term, we will be focusing on ensuring children have a secure understanding of arithmetic, particularly focusing on multiplication and division. These skills will be essential for solving word problems and therefore practice of these skills at home would be very beneficial.

In Geometry, we will be focusing on calculating volume of a range of 3D shapes and using this knowledge to solve related problems. We will also be revising how to calculate area and perimeter of a range of 2D shapes and solve word problems involving these concepts.

Towards the end of the term, children will be focusing on applying their knowledge to solve SATs style questions, including multi-step word problems.

## RE & PSHE

In RE, children will be developing their understanding of how the teachings within the Bible and the Qur'an influence two charities: Christian Aid and Islamic Relief. Children will gather information about these two organisations in order to find similarities and differences, as well as what they aim to achieve and who they support. After half term, children will be focusing on improving their understanding of the Gospel texts in the Bible. They will be analysing and interpreting different stories and applying the lessons from these to their own lives. PSHE this term will be developing children's understanding of how to keep themselves safe and healthy. This will include focuses on keeping safe online and the importance of a healthy and balanced diet. We will also be looking at a range of environmental issues that are currently being debated within our society such as the use of plastic.

## English

Throughout the term, children will be reading the book 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. This text has fantastic links to their Thematic topic and will provide them opportunities to develop their knowledge further. Additionally, children will be using a wide variety of text extracts to improve their comprehension skills by answering a range of SATs style questions.

In writing sessions, children will be focusing on writing at length and writing for a range of purposes. This will involve learning about and writing different text types, including poetry, narrative and non-fiction. Children will also be continuing to focus on improving their knowledge of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, including being able to spell words from the year 6 word list correctly and correctly identifying different word classes. Please ask a member of staff if you would like a copy of these spellings to practise at home.

## Science

In the first half of the spring term, children will be consolidating their previous knowledge of light. They will be exploring how to use scientific vocabulary accurately to explain phenomena we see every day, including why shadows are the same shape as the object casting them.

After half term, children will be investigating how to create a variety of working electrical circuits using bulbs, buzzers and switches and represent these using the correct symbols.

