

Family learning workshops

Throughout the year we will be provide opportunities for parents, carers, grandparents and members of the community to either work with the children or see what they have been working on in school.

Surgery days

Mrs McKnight: Tuesday

Mr Crozier: Tuesday

Mrs Ward: Tuesday

Mrs Meades: Tuesday

Homework

In addition to practising their reading and times tables every day, children will have weekly spellings to learn. These will be tested regularly and your children will keep you up to date with how they've got on.

In addition, there will be a range of challenge and research based projects linked to our curriculum work. These will extend over a number of weeks and you are encouraged to support your child in this in any way you can. Achievement and effort in this homework will be celebrated.

Studywiz

Studywiz is a secure website which all children in school have access to. As well as being a useful learning tool due to the activities and games which are on it, it is an excellent way for you to see some of the activities the children have done at school through the photographs, videos and audio clips posted on there. We will be sending out a letter requesting your permission for their photograph/video to be put on the site, so please give this some thought as if everyone gives their permission there is so much more which we will be able to show you of your child's life at school.



St Thomas More's School Stewardship Prayer

*My school is made up of people like me.
I help to make it what it is.*

*If I am friendly, it will be a friendly school.
Great work can be done, if I work.
Much good will be done if I do good deeds.*

*It can be a school with much happiness,
if I care for everyone.
If I choose to live my life caring for everyone I meet,
I truly have the power to make this school an even
happier place.*

*Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate
myself to the task of being all the things that I want
my school to be.
Amen.*

*Living life God-centred,
not self-centred*



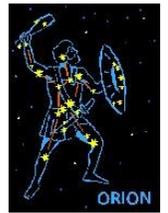
St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School
**To educate and inspire every child to fulfil
their unique giftedness within a loving Catholic
community**



Pegasus the
winged horse



Aquila the
eagle



Orion the
hunter

Pegasus: Mrs Ward

Aquila: Mr Crozier

Orion: Mrs McKnight

Support Teacher: Mrs Meades

TAs: Mrs Tyler, Mrs Gibson,
Mrs Fowler

**Year 5 / 6
Team**

English

This term, we will be studying Narrative - settings and character, Recount and Argument.

Helping at Home

Reading: Every child has a school library book which they should be reading every day. If your child wants to read their own book from home as well that would be great—more reading the better! Please initial their reading log so that they can receive House Points for the reading which they do. Please ensure that they bring their library book back to school each day.

Writing: Read and talk about the writing which they do at home or at school. Any help that you can give your child with their writing, including help with structuring their work, is welcome.

Science

This half term we will be learning about keeping healthy.

This will include diet, exercise and the functions of some organs of the human body.

Mathematics

In Maths each term the children cover aspects of these areas; Counting and Understanding Number, Knowing and using Number Facts, Calculations, Shape, Measure and Handling Data.

Helping at Home

One of the most important ways you can help at home is by getting your child to practise their times tables.

If your child is not confident with these, then we would like them to start with learning their 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 x tables.

Once they are confident with these, they can then learn the rest, followed by the related division facts;

(e.g. $3 \times 5 = 15$, so $15 \div 5 = 3$).

RE

Our unit for this half term is *Creation*.

We will explore the call to be the 'People of God' and the need to be part of God's creation by overcoming disharmony, by upholding God's law. We will also look at The Beatitudes and what they mean to us today.

In addition to this, we will also be looking at the importance of 'shalom' and the Sabbath in the Jewish faith.

PE

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in **every day**. They should have appropriate outdoor kit as outdoor PE kit will still go ahead unless weather conditions are particularly extreme. For outdoor PE, children should have tracksuit trousers, warm top and trainers rather than plimsolls.

History

Our History topic for this term is the Victorians. We will be looking at a number of key Victorians and the impact that they have had on the world today.

Music

During this term, the children will be focusing on the different elements of music — pitch, rhythm, timbre, dynamics, tempo, texture, structure and duration. To link in with our Victorian topic, we will be learning and composing some Victorian street cries.

