

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

Mr Crozier: Monday

Miss Moon: Monday

Mrs Ward: Monday

Mrs Meades: Monday

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.

On occasion there will be additional English and Maths homework to consolidate work being covered in class.

Nethercott Farm

Friday 11th October - Friday 18th October 2013

Our Nethercott trip is fast approaching and excitement is beginning to build in the year 6 area. A reminder letter about kit lists and procedures for the morning of the trip will be sent out later this week.



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: Miss Moon

Orion: Mr Crozier

Support Teacher: Mrs Meades

TAs: Mrs Gauntlett, Mrs Gibson,
Mrs Fowles

**Year 5 / 6
Team**

Year 5 and 6 children have made a fantastic start to the year. They are all looking very smart in their uniforms and are enthusiastic about their learning and the year ahead!

English

This term we will be linking our written work closely with our topic work, focussing initially on the concept of water as a life giver or life taker. From this we will generate an anthology of contrasting poetry across the phase.

Helping at Home

Reading: In upper key stage 2 we hope that children will still be reading regularly at home. Every child has a school library book. However, if your child wants to read their own book from home as well that would be great—the more reading the better! 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 investigating changing state. We will find out how the changing of state links to the water cycle and we will be deepening our understanding of the processes of evaporation and condensation.

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. This involves multiplication and the related division facts.

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

We would like them to start by learning their 2, 3, 4, 5 & 10 x tables. Once they are confident with these, they can then learn their higher tables up to 12.

RE

Our unit for this half term is *Creation*.

We will explore what it means to be the 'People of God' through the eyes of Moses. Having been created by God, we exercise our freedom to deepen our relationship with God and overcome the barriers of jealousy and disharmony. We will look at the need to follow God's law and uphold His commandments and learn that upholding the will of God involves personal choices and sacrifices.

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. This kit should be in navy. The children will all have PE on Mondays. In addition, there will be sessions on some Tuesday afternoons.

Topic

Our topics for this half term will include Creation and a history unit looking at the different invaders and settlers who have impacted on the British Isles.

Music

During this term, we will be developing our musical skills through our topic work. We will begin by exploring a musical river journey, inspired by Smetana, leading to our own compositions.

