

St James the Great Catholic Primary School

28th April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! I hope you had a restful and happy Easter break.

*As you know, our SATs tests are approaching very quickly. They will begin on **Monday 8th May**. The children will be taking 5 exams, spread over 4 days. Please ensure that your child gets plenty of rest over that week and comes to school every day focused and ready to do their best.*

The children have come back from the Easter holiday with renewed determination and have made a lot of progress already. Thank you very much for the support and help you have given them at home and please continue to do this. A bit of extra practice at home on an area of Maths, Reading and/or Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling can make a big difference to their confidence and understanding.

We will continue to have PE on Thursdays and Dance on Fridays, as well as Music on Fridays, so please make sure that your child always comes to school with the appropriate equipment.

I have outlined the main areas of learning for this half term below, and I will be in touch with some of the exciting events we will be taking part in, after SATs nearer the time.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment for either before or after school.

Best wishes

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Year 6 Summer

<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Revision: In the weeks before SATs, we will be revising all areas of the Maths Curriculum, focusing on topics that the children have found particularly challenging. Problem-Solving: After SATs, the children will be applying their Maths skills in a range of problem-solving contexts.</i>
<i>English</i>	<i>Three Little Pigs Guardian Advert: We will use the 2012 Guardian advert to explore a range of non-fiction writing genres.</i>
<i>RE</i>	<i>Please see attached sheet.</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Electricity: We will learn how to represent circuits using symbols in a diagram as well as developing their understanding of what electricity is and how to measure it. They will conduct their own investigation and learn about the important contributions that Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla made to this area of Science.</i>
<i>History</i>	<i>The Mayans We will explore the Mayan civilization, learning about who they were and where and how they lived.</i>
<i>Computing</i>	<i>We are app developers We will create our own mobile apps, writing algorithms and using a programming toolkit to code them.</i>
<i>Art</i>	<i>Landscapes We will create our own landscape paintings in the style of David Hockney, linking with our work on Mexico last term in Geography and this term's History topic.</i>
<i>PE</i>	<i>PE and Dance - Linking Folk and Modern styles for performance.</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Brass Instruments - Ensemble skills and performance</i>
<i>MFL</i>	<i>Spanish - conversation skills</i>