

'Living and Learning Together'
Welcome to Sapphire
Class!



Staff in Sapphires



Mrs Hagan (Monday – Wednesday)

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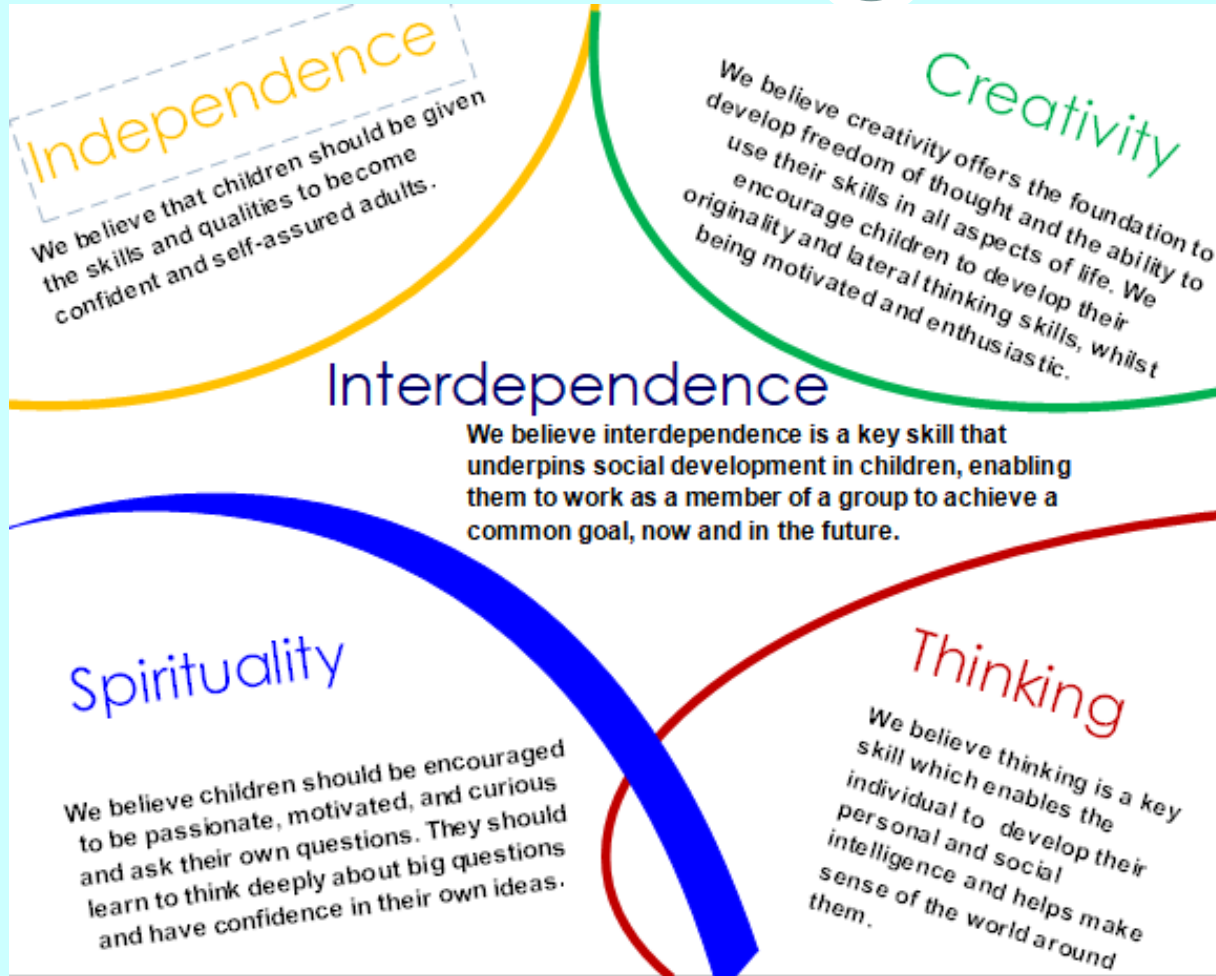
CIRCLE Values



- **The CIRCLE Values** underpin and embed all we do at St Mark's. They permeate throughout the school, creating a harmonious, enabling and empowering school community.



Learning Values



- **The LEARNING Values** drive our curriculum. They are developed progressively over the seven years of primary education and ensure our children are successful learners.



Expectations



Behaviour:

High standards of behaviour are expected from children at all times. We use the CIRCLE Values to underpin this.

Attendance:

If your child is feeling ill please try to bring them in if it's minor as it is important they miss as little amount of school as possible - mostly they bounce back. If children don't bounce back, we know where you are to arrange collection of them.

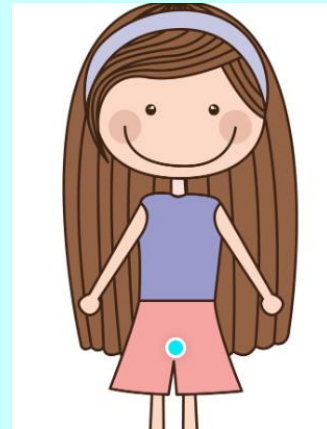
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Pencil cases



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Pencil, pencil sharpener, ruler, rubber, handwriting pen (berol – blue ink) small amount of colouring pencils.

NO novelty items (pencil sharpeners or rubbers)

If your children would like a small pencil case of pens/ extra colouring pencils in their tray, they may bring it but it must fit in their tray and close.

School Jobs – Job Junction



- Year 3/4 children can apply for a range of school jobs as part of our “Job Junction” – these may include reading buddies, register monitors etc.
- Soon the children will be told about these positions, and invited to complete an application form. Teachers will then make selections.
- Children usually have the job for one term – to enable as many children as possible to have a turn.



Homework



Our aims when setting homework are to:

- Reinforce and practise skills taught and developed at school.
- Enable parents to gain insight into their child's learning and to be able to support it.
- Prepare children for secondary education when children are expected to undertake regular daily homework programmes.
- Encourage children to develop a love of reading and establish the routine of reading for pleasure in their spare time.
- Completing homework is essential to success and it is essential that it is always completed - no excuses!



Homework



- Weekly homework is set for all Year 3/4 children.
- It will include spellings and Maths.
- It will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.
- It is set on a **Wednesday and due in on a Wednesday.**

Spellings: Your child will be given a set of spellings to learn. These will either be linked to a subject being taught in class or personalised spellings. We will share different ways to learn spellings with you.

Children will be tested on these on a **Wednesday.**



Homework - Reading



Reading: In Year 3/4 we expect children to read 5 times a week, to an adult at home OR independently but talked about to an adult – free reader only. Please initial the reading record!

Your child has a reading record – please ensure you write a comment every time you hear your child read. This is helpful to us, to know successes and issues which we can support in class.

Reading Records and reading books must be in school everyday – so we can hear them read too!

Reading books will be changed once a week on a Monday

Homework – Times Tables

Times Table: In Year 3/4 it is crucial the children know their times tables in order to access and make progress in maths.

Practising little and often is best – daily for 5 to 10 minutes!

There are many excellent APPS on line to practise times tables. Top Marks “hit the Button” is fab!

We provide all children with a “Times Table Rock Stars” Login, through our school subscription.



Supporting Your Child With Their Weekly Homework.



- Be **positive** about homework.
- The best time for children to do their homework is **soon after they arrive home, after having a snack and drink**. Please set a routine at home to ensure it is completed.
- Provide a reasonably **quiet** and **suitable** place where your child can work.
- Make sure that they have **appropriate equipment**.
- Provide **guidance**, not answers.
- Encourage them to take responsibility for completion.
- Spellings and times tables - daily practice is best – little and often.
- **IF YOU ARE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH HOMEWORK** – please speak to us. We can offer support and advice!



Website: Class Page



- Mrs Hagan and Mrs Bishop, will keep our class page up to date with relevant information and any helpful links.
- We also use our class page as a place to celebrate and share the learning journey children are having in class as they work through their projects. We put on photos of activities and work.
- It is a great place to look when you ask your child “what they did today?” and they respond “nothing” or “can’t remember!”. By looking at the photos it will jog their memory and they will be able to tell you lots about their learning!



Thank you



- Any questions?

