

*‘Living and learning together’*

Welcome to Diamond Class



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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.



# Vision

## Living and Learning Together- Building Firm Foundations

Our vision is for all children to develop a lifelong love of learning and sense of belonging, within a welcoming, nurturing and inclusive Christian community. All children have the opportunity to become free thinking, responsible citizens, whilst understanding and appreciating the wonder of our world.

Children leave St Mark's with the confidence to live fulfilling lives, based on the teachings and example of Jesus.



Builder of the week



for



# 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.

## **Uniform:**

Children are expected to wear correct school uniform at all times. High standards of dress are required, reinforcing the standards of appearance and behaviour that are needed to meet and maintain high expectations.



# Pencil Cases



Small, pencil case

Pencil, pencil sharpener, ruler, rubber, handwriting pen, glue stick, purple pen, whiteboard pen and a 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.



# House Points

In Key Stage Two pupils are awarded 'House Points' in class and around the school for positive behaviour (showing Circle Values, working hard, listening well etc).

Individuals add their House Points to a running tally in the classroom that is added to a whole house score at the end of each week.  
Points are reset back to 0 at the end of each week.

We have elected some 'stand in' house captains to take on any house responsibilities until the time that school jobs are officially given out.



# 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.



# Homework

- Weekly homework is set for all Year 5/6 children.
- It will include spellings and Maths (My Maths and Times Tables Rockstars)
- It will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.
- It is set on a **Tuesday and due in on a Tuesday.**

Spellings:



# Homework - Reading

Reading: In Year 5/6 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 if they have read.

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.

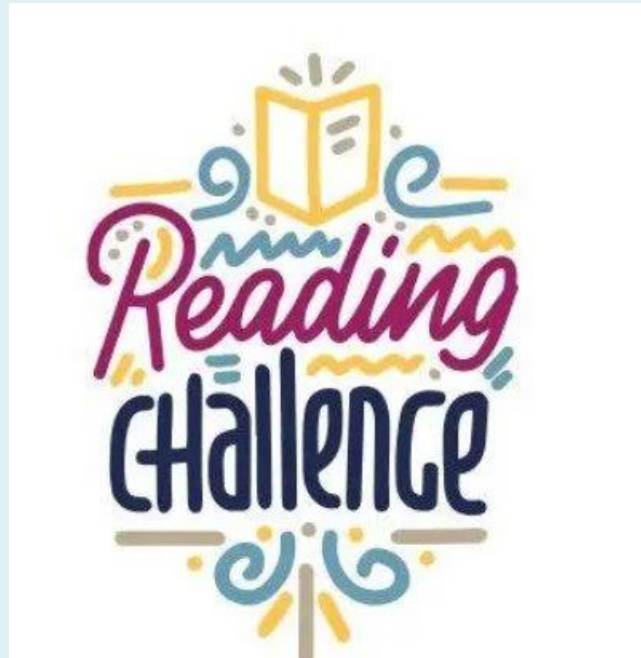
**Reading Records and reading books must be in school everyday** – so we can hear them read too. We will review reading records on a Thursday each week.

Reading books will be changed once a week on a Monday/ Friday



# Reading Challenge

This half term we will be introducing a KS2 St Mark's reading challenge. The children will be able to work towards earning badges when they complete a stage of the reading challenge.



Certificates, awards and badges will then be handed out during our weekly celebration assembly.



# Homework - Maths

**MyMaths:** Tasks are set weekly on the website MyMaths. These link to lesson content which has already been taught in class and is an opportunity for your child to re-visit prior learning. These tasks will be checked by Miss Sandberg each week and House Points are awarded to pupils who have completed the task.

**Times Tables:** In Year 5/6 it is crucial the children know their times tables in order to access and make progress in maths. The creators of Times Tables Rockstars recommend that 21 minutes of practice a week is the ideal time for achieving top scores and building fluency/retention.

Your child's login is on the welcome letters for both MyMaths and Times Tables Rockstars were sent home yesterday. These logins are also found in the front of your child's Reading Record for easy access.



# Times Tables Rockstars

Times Tables Rockstars is a fun and interactive way for KS2 pupils to practice their times tables through games.

Each week the pupils who have accessed Times Tables Rockstars website for the most amount of time that week will receive a certificate in assembly as well as house points for their house.

Each half term the year group who have collectively accessed TTRS the most will have their names put into a random draw to receive a maths themed prize.

There are different games on the TTRS website so children can practice their times tables in different contexts. There is also a link, on the TTRS parent letter, to the parent area which has more information and additional resources.



# Topic Home Learning

This year St Mark's has decided that any home learning related to half-termly topics will be sent home as a 'homework menu'.

These menus will offer multiple suggestions for home learning opportunities that link to the topic's curriculum. The children are welcome to pick as many as they would like to complete

These task can be completed by children independently or as a family. They may not always result in a physical outcome, so it is not necessary to bring any evidence into school.

If you do complete any of the home learning, please send in pictures as we always love to see the children engaging with learning outside the classroom.



# Diary Dates

Online Safety Talk for Parents – **7<sup>th</sup> November**

Parents Evenings – **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November**

SATs Information Evening – **12<sup>th</sup> February**



Thank you

**Any Questions?**

