

Hello, It was lovely to see all your children again after the holiday. They looked so smart and seem to enjoy the privilege of wearing their grey jumpers. Looking at the coat hooks the other night we seem to be accumulating lost property which isn't name. Please do check items and make sure they are names - coats as well. This is going to be a busy few weeks up to Christmas so please keep an eye out about upcoming events. Should you need to get in contact please email or speak at the office to arrange a meeting. gina.wagstaff@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk We look forward to working with you this year. Mrs Wagstaff, Miss L, Mrs Nicklin and Mr Clayton.	<u>PSHE</u> This half-term the children will be thinking about being responsible, coming home on time and looking out for others. We think this will be really helpful to them as they start to prepare to move to high school and need to learn more about keeping themselves safe whilst being more independent. We will continue to use the 1Decision resources which allow the children to discuss scenarios and choose the most appropriate course of action. In addition, they will continue to join in Circle Times which will give us the opportunity to discuss a range of themes including anti-bullying, making and keeping friends, respect for others and being confident in themselves / having the confidence to say "No."	<u>PE</u> As last half-term, the children will alternate between sport and Forest School on Thursday afternoons starting with sport on 6th November. They have enjoyed their Forest School sessions to date and are looking forward to even more new opportunities over the next few weeks. As the weather will be becoming colder and wetter, please do ensure your child has suitable clothing for these sessions - trackies, waterproof coat, wellies for the Forest School session. PE will be on Friday afternoons we will be doing dance. They will be looking at different rhythms, working in groups to move to these rhythms and then choreograph, rehearse and perform their own routines.
<u>English</u> Having looked at fairy tales last time, the children are moving on to look at an adventure story and their work will be drawn from 'The Barnabus Project.' Their writing will involve them constructing more complex sentences so they are better able to convey complicated information in a concise manner. They will also have daily reading, spelling and grammar lessons all of which will help give them more ideas to incorporate into their writing.	Autumn 2 2025 Year 6	<u>Maths</u> In addition to their daily maths lesson, the children will continue having their times tables lessons four times a week. The difference this half-term is that the lesson on Wednesday will see them stay as a Y6 class so they can improve both the speed and accuracy of their recall through the use of TTRS. During their daily maths lesson, they will be developing their partitioning skills in a range of different ways so that they can select the most suitable way to partition to make resulting calculations more efficient. They will also compare and order two numbers.
<u>Topic</u> The children were very proud of their project work last half-term and enjoyed being able to share it with you during their class assembly. Later this month they will have their next project week and we will again be looking at local history. Whereas last time the focus was on Design Technology, History and Geography, this time the focus will be primarily History and Art. We will be exploring how art is used to spread messages within a community. Once they have researched examples of street art they will have the opportunity to test out styles to help develop their own and then plan and create their own design.	<u>Science</u> Evolution and inheritance will be the focus this time. We will be revisiting work lower down the school that looked at the fact all living things produce offspring of some kind but extending their learning to consider the offspring normally vary and are not identical to their parents. They will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. Finally, they will research how living things have changed over time and how fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.	<u>Reminders/ Key Dates</u> Games lessons / Forest Schools - Thursday afternoon PE - Friday Church - every Friday morning, 9-9:25am - worship in St Mark's Church. Please come and join us Learning Journey Meetings - Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November. Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday, 11th December Christmas Fundraising Disco - Friday, 12th December Christmas Church Service - Thursday, 18th December End of term: Thursday, 18th December INSET day - School closed for children (Friday, 19th December) Start back: Monday, 5th January

