



# St. George's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term and a very Happy New Year 2023! This term our theme has a history focus. Our topic is 'Tomb Raiders', and we will be exploring Ancient Egypt. Please look at the topic web to see coverage. We will have an ancient Egyptian launch day on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January so come to school dressed as something from Ancient Egypt.

Power Project information has also been provided – it would be great if you could help your child to look through and choose some projects to do. You can bring projects into school or send me learning on class Dojo or a link on the google drive. (I so loved the Power projects the children did on the Romans!)

Please continue to read with your child every night for at least 10 minutes (or get them to read independently) and record in their reading records. Reading is so important in terms of vocabulary, spelling, great writing and engagement with books. Reading is a life skill that improves outcomes in the future. The more your child reads, the more vocabulary they know, the more equipped and the better they will do in the future. There is a new Reading Olympiad challenge which is another opportunity to develop the love of reading and of course on completion of challenges they will be rewarded with house points! Doodle English is also a great way of improving the children's reading ability.

Spellings will be sent out on Fridays for a test on the following Friday. I am also sending home the year 3 and 4 spellings that the children must know, you can practise these continuously at home in your own time. Some of the words are tricky and for those children who struggle with spelling they need to be gone over many times. A useful strategy is to break a word into syllables and concentrate on the letters within each syllable, one at a time. Again, I would like to draw your attention to the Doodle Spelling APP.

It is really important that the children continue to learn key number facts especially their tables. As we are doing the national times table check in June this website is a fantastic <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>. The test they will sit is similar to the one you can practise on this site so the more the children can practise the better! For this assessment we will focus on multiplication, however it would be useful if you also practise at home the relevant division facts. Please also note that the children must be secure in their 2's, 5's and 10 times tables by now so if they are not, practise these constantly at home! Also, keep practising the tables you have been learning as you go along so that facts are embedded and not forgotten when learning the next times table. Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables Apps or websites, are also very useful and it is an expectation that the children will engage with doodle as part of their homework. If you are having problems accessing doodle please email the school office. For those of us who like to dance NUMBERROCK.com is great for rapping and dancing to times tables and is COOL! In addition, there are many cover songs around times tables, Ed Sheeran included!

P.E. this will be on Wednesday and Thursday, children are to continue coming into school in their PE kits on these days. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, the children will begin swimming. I will give you more information regarding this nearer the time.

We will be having fun with lots of messy art this term. Please could you find an old large shirt or T-shirt that they can use for art lessons. Also, if you have any old newspapers or brown paper please can your child bring them to school.

Thank you very much for all the hard work you do at home and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions! You have all been so great and your children are wonderful, they are a delightful, enthusiastic class!

Best wishes, and kind regards and indeed many thanks for all your presents and kind wishes for Christmas.

Mrs. Burroughs