

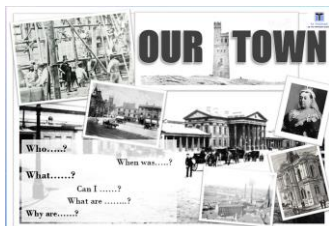


This half term's assembly theme is **Aspire**. We are talking about aspiring to live according to our values:

- Rule of Law
- Mutual Respect
- Democracy
- Individual Liberty
- Celebration of other cultures and faiths



OUR TOPICS



St Thomas Newsletter - Spring Term One

There is something special about the Spring term. The children are settled in their year groups, days are beginning to get longer and we see real growth and maturity. We are very aware that the pandemic is still having an impact on teaching and learning, with staff and pupil absence at an all-time high, but we are working hard to ensure all the children have the consistency, support and quality teaching they deserve.

LEARNING:

The children have got off to a flying start with their new topics:

Please ask your children about their learning:

HOMEWORK: Please see **webpages for general topic homework and look on seesaw and MyMaths each week. Children from Year 2 –6 also have a weekly Kahoot quiz.**

Please contact teachers if you are having any problems logging on to seesaw or MyMaths as they are powerful additions to your children learning. We know some of you still prefer pencil and paper activities for home work but Seesaw allows so much more creativity and engagement which is much harder to capture or recreate via a photocopied sheet.

Pupils are invited to contribute to child led assemblies linked to their own faith, cultures and beliefs.

COMING UP:

A group of children have created their own anti- bullying assembly and will be delivering it across school.

CLUBS:

We have launched 3 new afterschool clubs which have been very oversubscribed - we hope to run them until the end of year so all pupils have a chance to attend.

SPECIALIST SPORTS TEACHING:

Year 1 and 2 are having gymnastics lessons

Year 5 continue to go swimming

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday 8th February - **Year 6 parent appointments** to discuss end of year SATS.

TOMMY'S NEWS

After a slow start/tech issues last term we hope to use the Tommy's News tab on the website more frequently to add pictures and information about school activities.

Please Help Us (particularly Y6 parents where this seems to be happening.)

- Children should be wearing **school uniform** or **school PE kits** every day
- Fake nails are **NOT** appropriate for school days and become too much of a distraction/hindrance to learning
- Jewellery other than small stud earring should **NOT** be worn for school

...and finally...

Please use the

- year group emails to communicate with class teachers or
- our dedicated parents email for the office or leadership team, if you have any concerns or queries.

Thanks for your on-going support, Mrs Meade