



St Martin's Primary

Class Newsletter

Primary 6/5 – Term 1 2026/2027

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and for those children and families who are joining us this session, a very warm welcome to our St Martin's family! It is wonderful to see our young children so smartly dressed in their uniform, demonstrating our school rules of Being Kind, Ready to learn and Trying their best. This term we are focussing on establishing our pupil voice groups which will be lead in part by our pupil leadership group. The members of this group are our House Captains and Vice Captains, Head Boy and Girl and our Lead inclusion Ambassador. It is very exciting to have such wonderful role models in our Primary 7 this year and I look forward to working with them on our school improvement agenda. I am very keen to increase our opportunities for parents to meet and work together with the school so please make sure you complete the questionnaires at Meet the Teacher session and Parent's night. We are aware that families have different commitments so this year, I am sending out a Year Ahead calendar on paper form and on all our app platforms. Please make sure these dates are in your diary. We will try to ensure that we keep to these dates but if anything changes, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. I look forward to a great year ahead with lots to celebrate in terms of awards and learning. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs McKay Headteacher

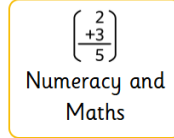


Reading

In reading, we will be developing our reading skills through our whole-class novel, with a particular focus on summarising key events and identifying the most important information. We will also develop our prediction and inference skills when reading our own individual books, using clues from the text to make predictions and explain our ideas.

Writing We will be developing our descriptive writing skills through our topic of Ancient Rome, using rich vocabulary, adjectives and descriptive techniques to bring our ideas to life. We will also be developing our ability to write recounts, focusing on organising events in the correct order and including key details and personal experiences.

Listening and Talking - We will be developing our listening and talking skills by taking part in group discussions and presentations, including giving and receiving feedback on our Roman-themed group presentations. We will focus on sharing ideas confidently, listening respectfully to others and contributing appropriately to discussions across different subjects. We will also develop our ability to ask and answer a range of questions to extend our thinking and understanding.



Numeracy

This term, we will be developing our understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division. We will explore different strategies for solving calculations and apply these skills to problem-solving and real-life situations. We will also focus on mental maths, estimating, checking our answers and explaining our mathematical thinking

Maths

We will be developing our understanding of area and fractions. We will learn how to calculate and compare the area of different shapes and use appropriate measuring skills. We will also explore different fractions, comparing and ordering them and finding fractions of amounts. We will develop our problem-solving and reasoning strategies we use.



Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure your child is wearing a comfortable PE kit. They should also bring **soft-soled, non-marking trainers**. This helps to protect the school hall floor and ensures that children have suitable, comfortable footwear for PE activities. These shoes They should not wear earrings or any jewellery. In PE, we will be focusing on

PATHS lessons will focus on co-operative learning and working effectively as part of a team. We will explore different group roles and responsibilities, learning how to contribute positively and support others. A key focus will be on communication, including listening to others, sharing ideas, taking turns and working together to solve problems. We will also develop our confidence in respecting different opinions and working towards a shared goal.



RERC

This term, we will be learning about Laudato Si' and our responsibility to care for our common home. We will explore ways we can look after our environment and make positive choices in our everyday lives. We will focus on respect, responsibility and caring for others, animals and the world around us, while thinking about how we can make a difference in our school and wider community.



Expressive Arts

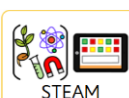
Art - We will be developing our art and design skills through portrait work, line drawing and creating Roman shields as part of our Romans topic. We will explore how to use different types of lines to create shape, detail and pattern, while developing our understanding of proportion, design and colour. We will use our creativity to design and create our own Roman-inspired shields, taking inspiration from historical sources.

Drama We will be exploring the life of the Romans through role-play. We will imagine what it was like to live in Ancient Rome and act out a day in the life of different Roman people, exploring their jobs, homes, routines and experiences.



Languages

In Spanish this term, the children will be learning how to take part more independently in simple conversations and everyday transactions. The pupils will work on developing these listening and talking skills by exchanging personal information orally. They will also practice how to understand and respond to various questions with increasing confidence, accuracy, and spontaneous language.



STEAM

This term in STEAM we will be taking part in an exciting project created by Glasgow University. We will be learning all about plants and how they transport water, how leaf cells are organised, and how plants "breathe". We will conduct experiments and use our science, maths, and digital skills to record our findings.



SHANARRI



Pupil Voice

SHANARRI helps us think about children and young people's wellbeing through eight areas: **Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included**. We use **pupil voice** to make sure children and young people have a say in what wellbeing means to them and what they feel they need to thrive. Their ideas, experiences and feedback help us shape activities, priorities and support across the school, ensuring that our approach to SHANARRI is informed by the children themselves. We will continue to update you on this throughout the year.



Celebrating
Wider
Achievements

Please use this form to share any wider achievements that your child would like to be recognised and celebrated at a school assembly. These could include successes outside of school such as sports, arts, clubs, hobbies, volunteering, or any personal milestones they are proud of.



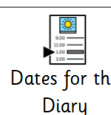
OPAL

We are delighted to share that our school is working in partnership with Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) to further enhance Health and Wellbeing across our school community.

Through this collaboration, we are reviewing and developing our outdoor spaces to ensure they promote active, creative and inclusive play for all children. We are also looking at how our playground can better reflect children's voices and interests.

Outdoor play is a vital part of children's wellbeing. It supports confidence, teamwork, problem-solving and positive mental health. By working with Outdoor Play and Learning, we are strengthening our whole-school approach to ensuring every child has access to safe, stimulating and meaningful outdoor experiences every day.

We look forward to sharing updates with you as this exciting work progresses.



Dates for the
Diary

- ❖ Mainstream Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 26th August 3:15pm – 3:45pm
- ❖ First Friday Mass led by P7W – Friday 4th September 1:30pm
- ❖ Maths Week – 21st – 25th September
- ❖ Parents Night – Wednesday 23rd September
- ❖ September Weekend – school closed on Friday 25th September and Monday 28th September
- ❖ 8th September
- ❖ First Friday Mass led by P7K – Friday 2nd October 1:30pm
- ❖ School closed on Friday 9th October – in service day
- ❖ School closed 12th – 16th October – October week. School reopens on Monday 19th October

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