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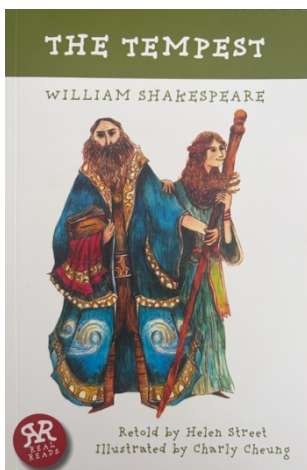
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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Summer 2, our final term of St Mary's. We have lots of exciting events happening this term such as: planting in the park, sports events and our end of year treat. What an exciting and memorable term ahead!

Curriculum – Elizabethans



This half term, our learning will centre around the theme of Elizabethan Era

Our text focus for this term is The Tempest by Wiliam Shakespeare. Children will explore the play The Tempest, discovering the characters and setting before writing their own play script to an Elizabethan style play.

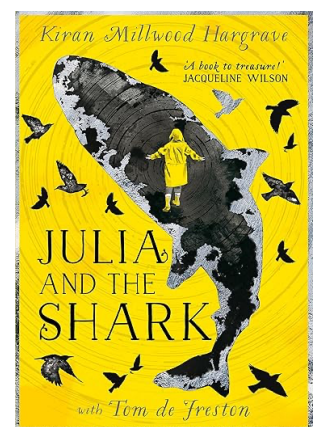
Our wider curriculum will complement these themes; as historians we will be learning about the Elizabethans, answering the questions 'Was Queen Elizabeth a good ruler?'. As artists we will be exploring set design and what makes a good set before creating our own.

Reading

We love story time in Year 6!

After enjoying the story Leila and the blue fox by Kiran Millwood Hargrave, we chose to read Julia and the shark by Kiran also.

There is an expectation children read as much as possible. It will allow them to understand and use a wide range of vocabulary, which will support them in every aspect of their day. We ask for you to listen to your child read as much as possible during the week to support their reading progression. Please encourage your child to record their reading activity in their reading record. I guarantee it will make a difference to their progress across the curriculum.



If you are unsure of texts for your child, please speak to myself about recommendations. I am more than happy to help.

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Children must bring their reading record in school everyday.

A new recommended reading list has just been published by Books for Topics. I would recommend looking through it to discover age-appropriate reading books for your child.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/>

Homework

Our homework books will be sent home every **Thursday** and should be returned to school on the following **Tuesday**.

There is an expectation for children to complete their homework. This will support them in preparing for secondary school expectations. Children are encouraged to seek adult help if they need support in their homework learning.

PE Kit

All children should have indoor and outdoor kit e.g. shorts, house coloured t-shirt and plimsolls for indoors and trainers for outdoor sessions. **PE kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home on a Friday to be washed for the following week.**

This term Year 6 will be swimming on Wednesday; please ensure you have your swimming kit in.

There is an expectation for children to wear the correct PE clothing to suit the uniform policy.

You are able to purchase the correct uniform here

<https://myclothing.com/collections/st-marys-church-of-england-primary-school-banbury-pupil-29271>

Please note pupils are not permitted to take part in PE lessons whilst wearing earrings (unless they have been pierced within the last six weeks in which case they are permitted to tape them up until six weeks has passed.) **Staff are not permitted to assist pupils with the removal or insertion of earrings.** If pupils are not able to manage earrings independently, they should not wear them to school on days when PE is timetabled to take place but remove them, with assistance, at home.

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

As part OPAL, the children will be encouraged to have fun in our outside areas throughout the year and in all types of weather therefore it is important that the children have outdoor learning clothing in school every day. They will need a pair of welly boots to use so that their school shoes remain dry and clean. Please name your child's boots - as it can be hard to reunite lost clothing and equipment to the right child if it is not named. If you have any old welly boots that your child has grown out of, we would really appreciate you sending them in so we can pass them on to someone who needs them.

When the weather is particularly wet, children will need a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers. Again, please ensure these are named to avoid them going missing.

Reminders

- **Water Bottles** – please make sure children have a water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunch box) as this allows them to access water as and when they require it. To improve the oral health of children, only water is permitted in class. If your child brings in

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a bottle filled with something other than water, we will provide them with a cup so that they can access water during the day.

- **Snacks** – Children may bring in a **healthy snack** for mid-morning break. Suitable choices include fruit, cheese, yogurt and vegetable sticks. Do let us know if your child has any food allergies or intolerances.
- **Absence and sickness** – please let the office know if your child is not attending because they are ill. Also please note that Health Protection Agency guidance states that children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode of either sickness or diarrhea.

My Child at School (MCAS)

We are now using the My Child at School App to send information to you and to allow you to easily make online payments. If you have not done so already, please sign up by visiting the following website:

<https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

School code: 15144

Contact

Should you need to contact me about any matters arising, you may email direct using the following address:

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I look forward celebrating and enjoying our next term at St Mary's together and working with you and helping your children achieve our vision; Learning, Transforming and Growing.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Townson

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