



Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year! We hope you have all enjoyed a blessed and restful Christmas break. We have enjoyed welcoming the children back this week and have been proud of how quickly they have all fallen back into routine. This week, we have started our new class book, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan and have begun our new topic of Ancient Greeks. We have also started learning about Jesus' life as told through the Gospels in RE. In Maths, we have finished our learning on ratio.

We're putting together vision boards in PSHE as part of our Dreams and Goals topic. Children are welcome to collect pictures at home to bring in next Wednesday when we will be assembling them.

Children are also reminded to think of and research a topic for their persuasive writing pieces in English.

Monday 20th January 2025 we will be having our Ancient Greek day and the children are invited to come into school in Ancient Greek costumes.

Mrs Peneda & Miss Maloney

Important dates:

Monday 20th January – Internal clubs start again

Monday 20th January – Ancient Greek Day

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) – calling all parents who work in these fields. We would love to hear about your work and experiences and hopefully encourage the children to follow in similar footsteps. Please let us know if you would be happy to pop into school sometime to support the enrichment of the children's learning.

Homework:

Homework resumes this week.

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

KS2 SATs Busters:

Finish off Set A if you haven't yet completed the end of Set quizzes and do Set B Test 1 of Reading, Grammar Punctuation and Spelling and Maths.

Mathletics

Maths homework will reflect the learning that is done in class during the week. It is set every Friday on Mathletics.

Spelling

Spellings are set every Friday with a spelling test the following Friday giving children one week to learn them. This week's spelling rule is words with the short vowel sound spelled 'y'.

Spelling Shed
Words with the short vowel sound /i/ spelled 'y'

lyrics

typical

system

rhythm

antonym

symbol

mystery

oxygen

symptom

crystal

Reading

Please see below for the Key Stage 2 reading guidance. When the children finish reading a book, they need to complete an online quiz at home before changing the book. (Your child should have received a card with all of their homework passwords on). **Children should aim to complete as many quizzes as they can, but are expected to complete at least 2 quizzes per half-term.**

[Find the link to AR here.](#)

Times Table Rockstars

Children are to practise their times tables on TTRS for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week.

There are weekly challenges to engage the children. Focus on those times tables your child needs to improve their speed and fluency on and select these in 'Garage'. Play 'Studio' to help St. Polycarp's climb up the local schools' leaderboard!

Spanish (optional)

If any children would like to practice or learn any new spanish words, below is the login for Linguascope:

<https://www.linguascope.com>

Username is: stpoly

Password is : casaclub1

Reading in Key Stage 2

Handy Hints

- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions – **15 minutes per day.**
- Continue to read out loud to an adult as well as independently.
- Try to read a range of books including fiction and non-fiction.
- Complete the Accelerated Reader quiz at home, ideally within 24-48 hours of finishing the book.



How can parents help?

Reading improves with practice.

Encourage your child to read at home, share your own books, discuss books, ask questions about the book they have read and visit the local library.

Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework.