



Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you have all enjoyed the Christmas holiday. We have loved welcoming your children back after their break. Please see the curriculum overview attached for a more complete picture of your child's learning. Please help us to maintain a good standard of uniform in Year 6, in particular with school shoes. Our uniform policy can be found online. Some key points are summarised below:

SATS

A reminder that we have the Year 6 Statutory Assessment tests in the summer term and would ask you to ensure you have no holiday booked. **Your child must be in school from Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025** as the SATs cannot be rescheduled. More information will follow.

Skern Lodge

Our residential trip is coming up this term on **Wednesday 2nd April – Friday 4th April 2025**. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 5th February in Hawthorn Class at 3:15-3:45pm.

PE

Maple class have PE on Thursdays and Fridays.

Hawthorn class have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Polite reminder: If your child has their ears pierced, please remove earring/s or cover earring/s with tape at home before school on PE days.

Reading and Homework

It is really important that your children begin their preparation for secondary school by getting into the habit of ensuring they complete their weekly homework tasks on **Maths.co.uk**. It is also important that they are reading at home for a minimum of 20 minutes, 4 times a week in order to be able to complete regular assessment quizzes in school. Reading at home will also build their reading stamina as well as develop their comprehension skills. As this is a homework requirement, children who don't complete their reading quizzes or their maths homework will be expected to do so during their breaktime.

Homework will now be set on a **Wednesday** and should be submitted by the following Wednesday. Any late homework will be also completed during their breaktime. We also ask that children spend time practising their times tables regularly, for example on **TT Rockstars**, as their tables are key for maths learning.

This term, we will also be giving access to some SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) activities through the www.anton.app to support children in their preparation for the SATs. Children have been given a QR code to log in.

Contact

In terms of contacting us, in the first instance contact **hwestwood@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk** or **hawthorn@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk**. Remember we are on the classroom door at the beginning and end of each day most of the time.

Again, we are looking forward to the term ahead. ☺

Mrs Westwood, Mrs Kerswell, Mrs Kennedy and the Year 6 team