

We hope you have had a lovely Easter and that this information will help you to support your child in the coming term. If at any point you would like to come and speak to one of us please do not hesitate and remember you can email us using apple@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk or oak@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk

We want the children to continue to feel happy and safe as we believe they will learn well when they feel this way. For this reason, we want to work as a team with you so that every child can reach their potential.

Drinks bottle

As we approach the warmer weather, please can your child bring in to school a water bottle. Research has shown that drinking water throughout the day is beneficial in helping the children be alert and ready to learn. Although we have cups in school it is better for your child to have their own bottle and means during PE lessons, they are able to take them out without getting knocked over or bugs going in them. It would be good for them to have a sunhat and sun cream as the weather becomes warmer.



PE will remain the same for both classes

Oak class: Thursday and Friday

Apple class: Thursday and Friday

We ask the children to come into school in their PE kit when it is their designated PE day. This could be black shorts (jogging bottoms or leggings which can be worn) with their PE t-shirt and their school jumper. It would be good if they can also come in their pumps or trainers.

Reading and Homework Books

Your child will continue to bring home a book that is appropriate for their reading ability. We will assess them regularly and their colour bands will be changed accordingly. We will also send a reading diary for you to record the number of reads your child completes each week. Both your child's colour reading book and reading diary will be collected on **Mondays** and **Fridays** so that we can track when reading certificates have been achieved. **As a school, we recommend hearing your child read 4 times a week as a minimum.** As we head towards the end of term assessments (SATs) this is very important to help them to develop their independence. The more children read, the wider knowledge of vocabulary they will develop and begin to use in their written work – a little often makes a big difference.



Phonics

If your child is continuing to learn their phonics, they will have a daily phonics lesson as normal and weekly phonics videos will be emailed to you so they can embed this learning at home. If your child has completed the phonics work, they will be part of a daily comprehension group.

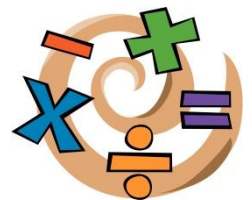
Maths

As part of the Year 2 maths curriculum the children need to know their 2, 5 and 10 times table as well as quickly recalling number bonds to and within 10, 20 and 100. Research has shown that short, regular practice of key number facts enables children to remember them. As a school we subscribe to both Numbots and TTRockstars as a way to practice these facts. Please continue to encourage your child to practise these at least 2x a week. Please find some free maths games below:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/times-tables>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/games/>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>



Parental Consents

When your child starts at St Margaret's Academy, we seek consent for:

Use of images

Marketing

Trips

ICT user

Medical

Each year we will inform you of your consent preferences with the annual data collection. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. If you would like to change your consent, you must submit your request in writing to Adminteam@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support; we really do appreciate all that you are doing to help us.

The Year 2 Team