A huge and warm welcome back to all Music Federation families – we are looking forwards to having fun with everyone this half term.

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Upper Key Stage 2 – Welcome Back

**Dates for your diary**

**Training Days**

Monday 7th February 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

# Autumn 2 celebrations

Thank you to all staff and students for making our Christmas celebrations so enjoyable. It was lovely to be able to see families and children enjoying some time together – huge thank you to our In Harmony staff for leading them. We are looking forwards to sharing more with you throughout 2022

# Curriculum

## English

## Do UKS2 children need a playtime? In English, Year 5 will be looking at the reasons why children do need to play, and why they should continue with their learning. Using this information, they will be writing a balanced argument and formulating a persuasive letter to Mr Gamble and our governing body. It is expected to cause some strong opinions!

Year 6 will be looking at biographies and have the opportunity to present facts about a person of their choice in an imaginative way. A huge focus will be on note taking and the use of colons and semi-colons! We are excited to see their writing styles progress and improve this half term!

*Reading at home is celebrated at the Music Federation with reading chart stamps and exciting prizes for pupils who consistently read at home! Reading is a fundamental life skill. It is the key that unlocks confidence in all areas of learning. Thank you for your continued support with reading with your child at home.*

## Maths

Both years 5 and 6 follow the White Rose Maths curriculum. This half term they will be continuing to work on Multiplication and division and Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. Year 6 will even be lucky enough to begin working on some Algebra!

## Science

In science, Year 5 will be looking at The Properties and Changes in Materials – teachers have some wonderful experiments planned for the classes and we are looking forwards to building on our prior learning. The overall unit is titled: Music Festival Materials. Year 6 will be focusing on Animals including Humans! Again, pupils will be building on their prior knowledge and a huge focus will be on the use of scientific vocabulary.

## Topic

It’s history for Year 5 and the focus this half term will be on Vikings! Learning about the past has always been something children enjoy. Year 5 can look forwards to investigating artifacts, evaluating sources of evidence and taking part in some role play activities.

The focus in Year 6 will be Geography – Protecting the Environment. Following on from our persuasive blogs and the COP26, Year 6 will be focusing on protecting our environments and looking at how we can build a sustainable future. This topic has proven to be quite exciting in previous years!

## PSHE

PSHE is a very important part of our school curriculum. Years 5 and 6 will be looking into making the correct choices and managing risks. This links to online safety as well as drugs, alcohol and tobacco education.

## Art

Painting is the focus for both Year 5 and 6. We will be looking at different methods for colour mixing, creating shade and tone as well as evaluating and recreating some famous water colour paintings.

# Google Classrooms – St Mark&#39;s CofE Primary SchoolOnline Learning

All homework is set and marked online. Class teachers provide weekly Maths and English homework where children are practicing the skills learnt throughout the week/unit. Weekly spelling lists are available alongside links to Read Theory, TimesTable RockStars and other online programmes class teachers use. It is important to allow your child/children time to complete this work online. If you are having difficulties with the compatibility of the devices you have at home, please contact the office.

There is also a half termly homework grid which offers pupils a range of learning opportunities to extend their knowledge in all areas of the curriculum.

# Remote Learning

If your child is unfortunately absent from school due to covid, they can access core lessons via google classroom. All year 5 and 6 pupils know their log-in details, but if you are having any difficulty, please contact the office.

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