



# COMPTON

## Church of England Primary School

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Everyone,

We hope you have all had a good Christmas holiday and thank you for the many kind gifts and thoughts we received at the end of last term. Your generosity is much appreciated.

This term will see the parents' evenings take place with your child's class teacher, and you will be notified when the appointment slots are ready to sign up - more details will follow over the coming weeks.

This letter is intended to inform you of our learning for this coming term and provide you with some other information and dates that may be useful to you, but as ever, if you have any questions about your child's learning or progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

### A Warm Welcome to Mrs Rhodes!

This term, we are fortunate to welcome an experienced teacher to our team, Mrs Rhodes. She will be supporting the children in Year 6 on a Tuesday and Thursday, allowing us to offer further catch-up and booster opportunities. Mrs Rhodes will be teaching between both Year 6 classes.

### COVID-19

Thank you for all your support in adapting to the new protocols and routines brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we learn to live with the new wave of the virus, we continue to encourage the children to demonstrate good hand and respiratory hygiene at school, through regular hand washing and reinforcement of the 'catch-it, bin-it, kill-it!' rule. The classrooms continue to be ventilated to ensure a consistent air flow. A polite reminder: **if your child develops any of the COVID-19 symptoms, they should isolate immediately and are encouraged to take a PCR test to prevent any further spread of the virus within the school community.** All other pupils should continue to attend school as normal, following the latest government guidelines. Work will be provided on the Google Classroom for those children who test positive for the virus, however, we do not expect this to be completed if your child is feeling unwell.

### This term Year 6 will be learning about:

English	Grammar, punctuation and spelling. Reading and writing through a range of genres: journalistic writing, autobiography, diary, poetry, narrative.
Maths	Covering the National Curriculum objectives for Y6 through: Number-place value, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division, fractions; Measurement; Geometry; Statistics.
Science	Skills and knowledge related to Forces and Electricity
Computing	Using Google sheets to create forms and analyse data; topic-based research and Internet Safety.
History	The Rise of Nazi Germany; The Life of Anne Frank,
Geography	Europe - continent study
Music	Classical music styles and composers and their place in history.
Art and Design	Expressionists - exploring colour theory.
Religious Education	How does faith help people when life gets hard? What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save' people? We will also be learning about Judaism to complement our history learning.
Physical Education	REAL PE units focusing on competitive tag games, health and fitness and social skills; creative dance opportunities.
Modern Foreign Languages	French: School Life: Describing where objects are, asking and answering questions.
PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education)	Valuing diversity; challenging discrimination and stereotypes, evaluating media sources, money and financial risks.



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### Religious Education Learning - **\*Important Information\***

Throughout this half term, we will be exploring the big question, '[How does faith help people when life gets hard?](#)'. This unit gives the opportunity to build on learning about Christians, Hindus and non-religious people; it explores religious and non-religious responses to life and death. It teaches that some of life's big questions don't have easy answers and recognises that adults find this topic difficult too.

We wish to make you aware of this, as our in-class discussions may raise further questions at home. As always, we will approach the topic with sensitivity and compassion; each staff member will exercise their judgement about how each activity is delivered. This is an enquiry-based unit, and the children will be creating their own questions about what interests and challenges them. Should you wish to discuss the planning in further detail, please contact us via the team email address: [year5-6@compton.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:year5-6@compton.plymouth.sch.uk) - we will happily inform you of the learning intentions for each session to ensure the children's well-being is put at the forefront of our teaching.

### The Teaching of Maths and English

As always, groupings for maths and English have been reviewed by the team, and, using end of term assessments and progress as seen in class, some changes have been made to ensure that each child is working within an appropriate set.

Overall, planning will cover the same learning objectives in each group within the Year. The planning will be differentiated allowing teaching and learning to be focused on the needs of the children in each group.

It is important to emphasise that these groupings are not set in stone and will be constantly reviewed. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher at school.

### Home Learning

- Spellings are now given out and tested on a **FRIDAY**.
- We encourage daily reading both at school and at home.
- Maths home learning will be set by the individual teacher(s), and it is expected that the children practise their tables.
- Other pieces of home learning will be set in English, and in class, and will be linked to our learning over the term.
- All Home Learning is set on a **Friday** and is expected to be returned to school the following **Thursday**.
- Copies of Home Learning activities will be uploaded to the Google Classroom should physical copies be misplaced.

We have had some exceptional examples of home learning throughout the Autumn term and thank you for your support and encouragement at home.

### PE Days - Y6 - Monday and Wednesday

Please ensure that your child wears a school P.E kit on the days that they have PE. We have one indoor and one outdoor session during this term. It is essential that all items are named, this ensures the safe return of lost pieces of kit. May we please stress that the children should wear School P.E kit (the yellow or navy blue/white round-necked t-shirts (plain or with school logo), plain navy-blue shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms). Over the past years, 'P.E kit' in a variety of styles and colours has been worn by some children. This mismatch of kit does not reflect the pride we have in our uniform and our school, and we are grateful for your support in ensuring that your child adheres to the acceptable kit.

### Snacks/Water

As a Healthy School we encourage healthy snacks such as fruit. Your child will be able to eat their snack during morning break. Although we provide beakers for water, we still encourage children to bring in a bottle of water. It has been proven that keeping hydrated by drinking throughout the day improves concentration.



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Dates for your diary:

- Parents' Evening - TBC
- Internet Safety Day - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- **FEBRUARY HALF TERM - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

We hope that this letter has been helpful but please remember that we are very happy to answer any questions you may have. Appointments can be arranged via the office.

Yours sincerely,

Team Year 6 - Mr Wenner, Mr Phillips, Mrs Price and Mrs Rhodes