

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6. Year 6 is a special and, in some ways, an unusual year. It is the culmination of their time at primary school and the transition to secondary school. This will typically throw up all sorts of challenges and adventures along the way!

Our goal is simple. To ensure our children finish the year with self-confidence in themselves as individuals and learners, and that they have secure skills and knowledge to thrive in Year 7. We also want our children to be well rounded individuals who have made the most of the experiences, opportunities and responsibilities we will offer them in their final year at St Margarets.

Our approach will be a focused curriculum that ensures rich and balanced core learning is taught. Gaps will be identified and addressed, and good progress made by all. This will mean a personalised approach where the children will learn in different ways and experience a range of support and appropriate challenge.

Please find attached a copy of the *Year 6 Curriculum Overview* and a copy of our weekly timetable. These may be adjusted during the course of the year to reflect evolving needs and progress in our learning.

At this stage, be aware that SATs will take place over the week beginning Monday 11th May and that there will be a three-day residential trip at the beginning of June - more information about these will follow in due course.

Thank you for ensuring that your child returned to school looking smart in their uniform and that they were well equipped with pencil cases, and ready to learn - this makes a massive difference. Our PE days will be on Fridays only with an extended session, and I know that the children will be just as well presented in their school PE kits.

Our *Home Learning* will get fully started next week and I thank you in advance for your support. The intention is to provide a range of activities that the children can engage with, to reinforce and extend their learning, whilst also developing greater independence and personal organisation. Please ensure that your child is reading for at least **20 minutes every day** – I cannot stress the impact of positive reading habits enough.

Please make sure that you have a look at the Secondary school transition information that was sent home recently, the application process is already open, and local schools will be sharing details of open evening and events.

I look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks and term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me directly at the end of school or contact me through the school office.

Warmest regards,

Andrew Peck