

# Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

Senior Leadership Team
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### **Year 3/4 2020-2021 Information**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to (or welcome back) to Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3/4).

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some key information.

Staff:

Mrs Craven - LKS2 manager/class teacher Mrs McNally - Teaching Assistant

Miss McBride - class teacher Mrs McMckenna - Teaching Assistant

Miss Parkinson - class teacher Mr Burton - Teaching Assistant

As stated in Mrs Butterworth's letter, you will be unable to speak to staff directly, if you need to tell us something please use our emails and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we can. Alternatively if you do need to speak to us in person please ring the school office to make an appointment to see us.

Email addresses:

ccraven@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk (Mrs Craven)

dmcbride@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk (Miss McBride)

tparkinson@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk (Miss Parkinson)

#### Reading books:

Children are to have 2 reading books, this is not how we would usually operate our reading book system, however in the current situation this is the only way we can see to allow children to read both at home and at school. Children will have 1 reading book in school and 1 at home. Children will choose a reading book from the class book areas to read in school, these will be kept on their desks, children may select a reading book from the school book area to take home or they can read their own book at home. Reading books in school are levelled to aid reading fluency and staff will endeavour to ensure children are placed on an appropriate level of book. If school books are taken home, they can be brought in and swapped when finished as usual however a 'returns' box will be used so that books can be sanitised and left before returning to the book shelves.

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#### Homework diaries:

Homework diaries are to be filled in by the children and signed by parents on a daily basis, they are to be <u>sent</u> <u>into school on a Friday only</u> to be signed by the teacher and then sent home. Do not send them in on any other day.

#### Spellings:

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday in the children's homework diaries, children will be tested on these spellings the following Friday. Again these books should be sent in on a Friday only.

#### Times table books:

These will be sent home with the appropriate table written in for the children to practise and again returned on a Friday to be checked, signed and new tables written in and sent home again.

#### Homework:

Homework will be set on Google Classroom. Information and codes will follow

#### PE

All year 3/4 classes will be taught PE on a <u>Wednesday</u>, on this day the children should come to school in their PE kits; blue shorts, red school PE T-shirt and trainers (we recommend that children wear trainers rather than PE pumps due to the fact that they will be wearing them outdoors at break and lunchtimes and PE pumps are not suitable for outdoors. In the event that the weather is colder children may wear plain jogging pants and their school jumper or cardigan.

The 'What we are Learning' booklet sent home with this letter outlines what the children will be learning about in all subjects for each half term. These will be sent home at the start of each half term.

#### Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)

All children will have a TTRS account, teachers will assign appropriate tables each half term, please allow children to use this as much as possible in order to improve their times table fluency. We have a display in school where children can place themselves in accordance with their 'coins', this encourages children to practise their tables and earn as many coins as they can.

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#### Twitter

We will be regularly tweeting about what we are getting up to in school so please follow us!
@mrscravenstm
@missmcbridestm
@msparkinsonstm
If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via email.
Mrs Craven
Miss McBride
Miss Parkinson

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