

## How can I help my child?

We want to make the change of class as easy as possible for your child. You can help them by:

Ensuring that all their possessions (especially sweatshirts and coats) are named.

Encouraging your child's growing independence by letting them sort out their own lunchbox, coat, bag etc.

Listening to them read every day and asking them about the books that they have read.

Supporting them with their weekly homework.

Looking out for information about our topics on the website and encouraging your child to continue learning at home.

Visiting our class web page regularly to ensure you as a family are familiar with using it in the event of home learning.

Coming and speaking to us if you or your child have any worries, however small.



### Our Mission

#### St. Mary's and St. Benedict's RC Primary School

Together in God's family, we grow in faith, knowledge & love to reach our full potential, and to become the people that we are created to be.

The Lower Key Stage Two Team look forward to the coming year as we continue our learning journey together.

*Remember to look out for our weekly newsletters and messages on Parent App.*

*Marsden Class web page will also be updated regularly with curriculum information and photos of learning in school.*

## Welcome to Marsden Class 2023



**Blessed William Marsden**  
**Martyred 25th April**  
**1586**

**Mrs Hackett** (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays), **Mrs Murrell** (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and **Miss Kay** (teaching assistant all week) welcome you and your child to Marsden Class. Do feel free to contact school and ask us any questions that you have and we will do our best to answer them. Rewards in Marsden Class include:

- ◆ Space Race—Can you be an independent learner?
- ◆ Reward Rocket—Can you travel to the moon for a prize?
- ◆ Dojo points for following our behaviour charter, which lead to team rewards.
- ◆ Two 'Star of the Week' certificates, along with a 'Reader of the Week' certificate are awarded every Friday.
- ◆ A free book after '150 home reads', with an extra reward after every 25.

### Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge Organisers will be posted on our website to give you an overview of what we will be learning about in different subjects. They help connect school and home and provide a great starting point for carrying out additional research and work at home.

### Uniform and Equipment



Children should wear black school shoes, not trainers.

PE Kit: Blue shorts/joggers/leggings, white t-shirt and pumps/trainers. Marsden Class will have PE on **Mondays and Fridays** this year and should **arrive in PE kit on these days**. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit and long hair is tied back.

No jewellery is allowed at any time.

Your child's reading book should be in school every day. They will be given a book changing day when they will receive two new books as long as their reading diary has been signed to say they have finished their current books.

### Homework

Please encourage and support your child with their homework. Each week, they will have a list of spellings to learn, in addition to a specific times table. They have been given a book to complete work in at home and weekly spellings and times tables will be tested every Friday.

Details, including which spellings and times tables to learn, can be found on our class web page.

Children are also expected to read for 15 minutes each night. Books should be discussed and questions asked to develop comprehension skills.

In Marsden Class, you will be expected to:

- Always do your best
- Be kind and considerate to everyone
- Follow our class rules
- Complete all homework (including daily reading)
- Have your reading book in school every day
- Come to school on time, walking in sensibly for an 8.55am start. Doors will be open from 8.45am, with a morning task ready for you to complete on arrival.
- Look after your own things
- Respect others and their property

Topics this year will be:

- \* Sparks Might Fly
- \* The Great Plague
- \* The Art of Food
- \* Passport to Europe
- \* Water Water
- \* Hunted

