Dear Parents

Finding suitable information from the Internet can be tricky for many pupils, especially those lower down in the school. Children are frequently asked to complete research at home, and this can be extremely time consuming and often frustrating as they try to find something which is appropriate to their age and ability.

At St Mary's we currently subscribe to an educational website called Curriculum Visions, which provides a wealth of information about most of the topics which are taught within the school. We have arranged for this website to be available to all St Mary's pupils so that they can use it for finding specific material for homework, or even just to further any interest that they may have developed.

<u>Subjects covered include:</u>

History   (eg: *Romans, Ancient Greeks, WW2, Fire of London, Egyptians, Tudors* etc)

Geography (eg: *Weather, Rivers, Coasts, Fairtrade, Environment* etc)

Science   (eg: *materials, light, growing, life, forces* etc)

Religion   (eg: *Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism* etc)

Early Years   (*a range of information aimed at early years children*)

Additionally, there are areas covering English, Maths, Languages & Music. Also, there is a Reading Room containing e-books about various topics and a Museum section for researching a range of subjects.

If you would like your child to use Curriculum Visions please use the free log-in below. You do not need to register or provide any information.

http://www.curriculumvisions.com

Username: st-marys.maidenhead/0001

Password: jungle

Once you have successfully logged in, please click on 'Home Screen' to access the materials. We hope that you and your child will enjoy using the website and find it useful.

NOTE: We would respectfully remind you to ensure the safety of your child/ren on-line

INTERNET SAFETY:

Remember these rules for keeping your child safe online:

1. **Talk about what they do on the Internet**
2. **Avoid having computers in bedrooms – put them in shared family spaces**
3. **Explore online together**
4. **Set rules and agree boundaries**
5. **Know who your child is talking to online**
6. **Use parental controls to filter, restrict, monitor or report abuse**
7. **Ensure content is age appropriate**

There is a wide range of excellent sites such as www.webwise.ie and www.thinkuknow.co.uk that provide more detailed information on the various positive and potentially negative aspects of the technology our children use on the internet today.

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