

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Year 2 Summer Term 1 Topic Overview



Why should we celebrate our longest serving monarchs?

Maths:

We will continue to follow the White Rose Maths SOW this half term with an additional focus on Reasoning (problem solving). We will be revising all topic areas in preparation for our SATs assessment tests and will be introducing the 3 times table and further development of our mental maths skills.



English:

Our main text this half term will be Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine by Gloria Whelan. We will not only be looking at the manner in which the story is told in poetic form but will be looking at the historical events told within the text along with exploring how to write explanation and instructional texts. We will also be looking at a range of non-fiction texts relating to our topic work on Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II and Healthy Eating. We will continue our focus on reading VIPERS in preparation for our SATs assessments in May. As a class we will be focusing on our Common Exception words during our English lessons, ensuring the correct spelling of them by the end of this term.



PSHE:

Pupils will explore the different roles people play in their community, exploring not only their communities but those within the wider world.



Come and See:

Pupils will explore the topic of: 'Spread the Word', exploring the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We will also be taking part in the whole school celebration of another religion.



PE:

Children will be moving on to the topic of Dance through the ages. We will be looking at a range of individual, partnered and group dances.



Design Technology:

Our focus this half term is Healthy Eating with a topic on creating healthy pizzas. We will be looking at how to work safely and effectively within the kitchen environment and look at the different flavours, textures and health benefits of food.

Computing:

Pupils will explore a unit of work on Spreadsheets, linked to our History and Science topics this term. They will develop their skills in collating information into different tables, charts and graphs.

History:

In this unit we will be looking at the lives and reigns of our 2 longest serving monarchs - Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. We will compare the different events leading to them succeeding the throne and the most important events within their reigns. We will also look at the impact they had on our lives today and celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.



Science

Our topic this half term is 'Animals including Humans' looking at the importance of good nutrition and exercise (linking with our DT topic of Healthy Pizzas) with particular reference to the different food groups and the 'Eatwell Plate'. We will also be exploring how to classify animals and the life cycles of different animal groups. We will also be exploring the basic needs for survival of all animal groups and how we can ensure we all support the different animal and insect groups in our local areas.