



Spring Term – 2nd Half
24-02-2025 – 04-04-2025

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

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Our Mission Statement

We would like to be recognised by the quality and depth of respect and love, which we show towards each other. Mutual respect and tolerance are central to our way of life at St. Mary's as we meet Jesus Christ in each other.

Thank you for all your support last half-term. It was lovely to take the children out to Forest School.

This term, we will be learning about Mexico in Geography and in Art we will be studying the seascapes of JMW Turner and creating our own sea collages.

*We look forward to our **Mexico Day** on Wednesday 2nd April!*

Friday 28th February: Year 2 Liturgy

Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday & whole school Liturgy

Monday 10th – 15th March: Science Week

Monday 31st March: KS1 Easter Day

Monday 31st March & Wednesday 2nd April – Parents' Evening dates

Wednesday 2nd April: Mexico Day

Friday 4th April: End of Term Mass & school finishes at 2pm for Easter Holidays



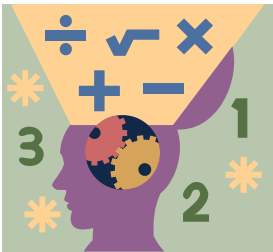
Literacy

During our literacy lessons we will continue to reinforce sentence structure and punctuation as well as having the opportunity for extended writing in different genres. Guided reading sessions will continue to develop comprehension skills.

Spelling, Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation: *each week we will focus on a different aspect of grammar and spelling. We will continue learning to identify different types of words such as nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs.*

Mathematics

During our Maths lessons we will continue to recap elements from the Year 1 summer curriculum and build on this as we reinforce children's understanding of the number system and the skills of written and mental calculations. The first half of this term we will continue with our learning on multiplication and division and then will focus on measurement for the second half.



Measurement:

- The children will choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm); mass (kg/g); temperature (°C); capacity (litres/ml) to the nearest appropriate unit, using rulers, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels

- The compare and order lengths, mass, volume/capacity and record the results using >, < and = **Fractions:**

Useful websites:

www.mathszone.co.uk www.mymaths.co.uk www.topmarks/mathsgames

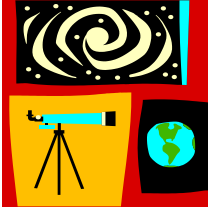
Religious Education

We will be following 'The Way, the Truth and the Life' scheme and our next topic is 'The Mass.'

We will develop an appreciation of how during the Consecration the bread and wine are changed into Jesus. During the season of Lent, we will be thinking about how we can be a 'good news' person at home and at school. We will be learning about the Last Supper and preparing for Easter.



Science



Our next topic will be Plants. The children will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. They will find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

Other Curriculum Areas

P.E.: *The children will follow an invasion games unit will also have a weekly session with our PE coach Ms Neville.*

Geography: *We will be learning about Mexico and their traditional foods and customs.*

Art: *During this half term, we will be studying seascapes by J.M.W Turner and creating our own seascape paintings.*

Music: *The children will continue to sing and enjoy music lessons with our specialist Music teacher.*

RSE: *The children will talk about staying safe and learn about good secrets and bad secrets.*

Homework and How You Can Help At Home



Literacy homework will be given on Friday to be returned by Wednesday. Children should read a wide range of genres and texts at home and it is important that the text is discussed as this develops comprehension skills. Drawing attention to sentence structure and text structure will support your child's own writing.

In mathematics, regular revision of basic number concepts such as number bonds, tables and place value are important. The use of Maths in our everyday lives is also important, for example telling the time, weighing in the kitchen and handling money. Homework will be given out on Friday to be returned on Wednesday.

It is essential that your child also reads their weekly Collins ebook as it is linked to their phonics phase level and we want to encourage speedy reading, fluency and secure understanding.

And finally...

...thank you for all your help and support, which is very much appreciated by both the staff and the children.
Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled as the cloakrooms are limited in space and quickly fill up with un-identifiable clothing.

If at any time there is a problem with returning the homework on time, please just let us know.

We trust that you have found this information useful and as always welcome your feedback.

With thanks from the Year 2 team.

Behaviour in Year 2

In Year 2 positive praise and reinforcement is used by both class teachers. The children are rewarded for good behavior and hard work through stickers and their class bear. Each Year 2 class has a class bear which gets to go home with a child for the weekend.

We also encourage the children to show good pieces of work to the adjacent class teacher. On the rare occasion that a child does not make the right choice they will be given a verbal warning from their class teacher. If this type of behavior persists then they will be sent next door to the adjacent class teacher for a short period of time to complete their work.

Attached below is a copy of the Year 2 timetable. As you are aware, things change so often in school so inevitably some days may differ from what is stated on the timetable.

Year 2 2023-24	8.40 – 8.50	9.00 – 9.20	9.25 - 10.10		10.30 – 11.15	11.15 – 11.45	11.45 - 12.00		1.25 - 2.10	2.10 – 3.15
Monday	Early work	Phonics /	Literacy	B	Maths	RSE		L	Science	Assembly
Tuesday	Early work & register	Hymn Practice	Maths	R	Year 2 PPA - Specialist Music and Miss Neville (PE)			U	Phonics	Literacy
Wednesday	Early work & register	Wednesday Word	Maths	E	Phonics	Literacy		N	Humanities	PE
Thursday	Early work & register	Phonics	Maths	A	Literacy	RE		C	Spelling lesson	Art/DT
Friday	Early work & register	Phonics	Maths	K	Literacy	Computing		H	R.E.	Self-directed activities