



Spring Term 2nd Half
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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Year 6 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.

Spring is upon us at last! We are continuing to work very hard in this important Spring term and are rising to the challenges of year 6!

Thank you for your continued support with homework – it really makes a difference to help embed the learning undertaken in class.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Parent Consultation meetings.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 3rd March: Soccer Star Challenge

Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Monday 10th March: Science Week

Monday 31st March: Parent Consultation meetings

Wednesday 2nd April: Parent Consultation meetings

Friday 4th April: Whole School Mass

Friday 4th April: School Closes at 2pm for Easter Holiday



Religious Education

Our topic will be 'Jesus, Son of God.' We will be reflecting on Jesus' miracles and the reactions of others to him. We will also be studying the Passion and death of Jesus and reflect on its importance to us.

Relationships Education (RSE)

As part of the “Me, My Body, My Health” topic, we will be looking at the pressures put on young people from themselves, others and the media. Other topics for this term include “Emotional Well-Being” which includes the vitally important topic of cyber-bullying.

Literacy

Reading & Writing Focus: in our Literacy this half term, we will continue our topic of ‘Sherlock Holmes’ and we will then move on to literature set during WWII. This will include both fiction and non-fiction texts. Weekly comprehension exercises and guided reading sessions will continue to develop comprehension skills.

Spellings: As part of the preparation of children for Key Stage 2 SATs there will continue to be regular spelling tests, with a focus on spelling patterns and rules.

Handwriting: In order to be considered working at the expected standard at the end of Year 6, children must be writing cursively. We will continue to practise handwriting skills by following the Kingston Cursive Handwriting Programme; where necessary, additional practice may be required at home.

Grammar: Grammar is a key requirement for all primary age children and therefore is threaded throughout all lessons. In addition, the Year 6 curriculum requires children to develop dictation skills.

Homework: Literacy homework is set on Tuesday and should be submitted on Thursday.

Mathematics

Number: Children will continue to further their understanding of the number system including place value to 10,000,000 and to 3 decimal points and including negative numbers. We will be continuing to develop formal written calculations of fractions, whole and decimal numbers using a range of different strategies. We will be studying both metric and imperial measures.

Statistics: Children will be developing their understanding of interpreting pie-charts and line graphs; refining their understanding of the mean and investigating ratio and scale.

Additive, multiplicative and geometric reasoning: Children will continue to develop their skills of selecting the appropriate mathematical skill and knowledge to solve every day, multi-step word problems and this discipline threads through all areas of the curriculum. We will be covering algebra, volume, time (including timetables) and recapping angles (including reasoning).

Maths Homework: this is set on Tuesday and should be submitted on Thursday.

Help at home: Please continue to practise multiplication tables knowledge, with related division facts, and ensure your child can tell the time.

Science – Light and Electricity

During our study of this topic, children have learned about light sources, how light travels and is reflected and refracted, and how shadows are made. We continue now by investigating reasons for variations in components of an electrical circuit which will be supported by our recent work on *Crumble* in Design and Technology.

Other Curriculum Areas

PE: St. Mary's PE kit (**fully named**) should be in school each day. We do have a number of children who are regularly without appropriate kit. Please can you check your child has a full PE kit. If your child is chosen for a school team and borrows a school kit, please ensure your child returns the washed kit within two days.

Humanities: Our history topic is WWII, with a focus on children in the war and evacuation.

Art: As part of our WWII topic, we will be looking at propaganda posters and art work.

French: we are fortunate to have Madame Batten for our weekly lessons. This half-term's topic: Ici et là (comparing cultures).

Music: We will be developing our appreciation of music and studying significant composers.

And finally

If your child has any secondary school visits or tests, or any music exams, please remember to notify the school beforehand. Please can you help your child get into a good routine with Homework tasks and remember to sign the Homework diaries; this is such an important preparation for secondary school.

We trust you find this information useful. Thank you, from the Year 6 Team.