



Spring Term – First Half
03.1.23 – 10.2.23

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Year 1 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.

WELCOME: We would like to welcome you to our Curriculum Newsletter, which will outline the main areas of learning for your children over the next part of the year. The newsletter is designed to give you clear information about the subject areas we will be covering and also to give you an indication of how you can support your child's learning. If you have any further queries please contact your child's teacher via the usual communication channels.

Important dates for the term:

INSET DAYS Tuesday 3rd January and Friday 10th February

Beginning of term Mass Friday 6th January

Book Looks Wednesday 18th January and Thursday 19th January (details to follow)

Dare to be different Day Thursday 9th February

Half Term: Monday 13th - Friday 17th February 2022

Curriculum at a glance

Please follow this link to see our curriculum at a glance: <https://www.st-marys-catholic.bromley.sch.uk/curriculum/national-curriculum-at-a-glance>



Literacy

During our literacy lessons we will reinforce the use of phonics through our focused phonic sessions. Guided reading sessions will be used to develop phonics and comprehension skills. Guided reading is a group reading activity which aims to develop a range of reading skills.

Non – Fiction Text: *We will continue to look at nonfiction texts in connection with our topic: looking for information and recording it.*

Fiction and Creative Writing: *We will be focusing on texts and stories based on homes. We will practise re-telling familiar stories and have a go at writing our own.*

Big Write: *Once a week the children will produce an independent piece of writing which will be linked to different areas of the curriculum. This will be an opportunity for the children to demonstrate the skills they have been taught that week.*



Mathematics

Number: *During our math lessons we will continue to reinforce children's understanding of the number system and the skills of written and mental calculations. The children will further develop their use of a range of equipment (such as Numicon and multilink cubes) to support their understanding of addition, subtraction and two digit numbers. Children will continue to explore the value of digits using tens and ones.*

Problem Solving: *During our lessons on problem solving the children will develop their understanding of mathematical vocabulary and applying it to everyday problems and word problems. They will develop their reasoning skills and consider 'odd one out' and 'what can it not be' scenarios.*

Shape, Space and Measure: *The children will be developing estimating skills and vocabulary in all elements of measuring. (Length and height, then weight and volume). They will cover measuring using non-standard and standard units of measurement.*



Religious Education

In our RE lessons we will explore families and celebrations and reflect on what it means to be a member of a family. We will listen to stories from the Bible and discuss how they relate to our everyday life. We will explore what it means to be part of God's family. Normally, this term, we would visit our parish church of St. Edmunds. (Please bear in mind, this may, or may not happen!)

In our RSE lessons we will be following the Module Created to Love Others. We will explore relationships with others and look at strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe.



Science

During our science lessons the children will learn to identify and describe a variety of materials and their uses. Children will consider why particular materials are used for different purposes - focusing mainly on houses and homes. We will focus on using the correct scientific vocabulary and begin to discuss where we find certain materials and why this might be.

Other Curriculum Areas

P.E.: We will be consolidating the movement skills that we have been working on to create a story told through dance.

Geography: We will be looking at our local area, exploring the physical and human geographical features that we see. We will look at maps and learn more about the countries that make up the United Kingdom.

Art and Design: We will be creating some 3D work/sculptures using a variety of materials including paper, and clay. We are going to create designs that can be repeated and consider their use for interior design.

Music: The children will be singing and making sound sequences with Miss Ambrose our specialist music teacher.



Homework and How You Can Help At Home

Reading continues to be the most important homework in Year 1. We would like you to read with your child for at least ten minutes every day. Please spend some time asking questions and encourage your child to give their opinions about the text they have read. It is also very important for you to read to your child, modelling the use of punctuation and expression. Please make sure your child reads a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. The Library is a good way to extend your child's reading experiences. This will support the guided reading skills which is the teacher focus in the classroom.

*Our homework schedule is to give out homework on **Thursday** which is to be returned by **Tuesday**. This will usually be Literacy and Numeracy, supporting the work we have covered during the week. We will send home high frequency words. There is no expectation for the children to learn them as a spelling test but we would like them to make progress in using these in their writing. There will also be occasional topic based homework during the term.*

And Finally

*Please ensure that all uniform is **clearly labelled**. Could we remind you that the children need plimsolls, shorts and a t shirt for indoor PE. **Trainers are required for outdoor PE and the children should have a dark tracksuit that may be worn during the cold weather.** The children should always have a water bottle in school.*

In Year 1 we praise children who display positive learning behaviour. We put equal emphasis on positive social skills. If the children display negative learning or social behaviours they are reminded verbally. If they continue they are taken aside and given a time –out to reflect on how they could do better.

Issues are dealt with immediately wherever possible and every day is a fresh start. We will not notify you of everyday, low-level issues but will speak to parents or carers should we require support in more serious matters.

We also have group points – the group with most points at the end of the week choose the activities for Friday afternoon.

Every day is a new day and a fresh start.

If you have any worries please don't hesitate to contact us.

Some useful websites; www.ictgames.co.uk, www.topmarks.co.uk, and the BBC websites are also very useful.

Thank you.

Mrs Westley and Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Slade

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

Here is a copy of our Year 1 timetable – please note that it is sometimes subject to change!!

Day	8.40 – 9.10	9.10 - 9.30	9.30 -10.10		10.35 – 11.30	11.30 – 12.00		12.30 - 1.00	1.00-1.25	1.25 – 2.10	2.10 – 2.45	2.45 – 3.15	After School
Monday	H/writing 8.25 staff briefing 1DS LWR 1,2,3 1SW CuP	English inc. Little Wandle Phonics	Little Wandle Phonics	B	Maths	RE	L	1SW LWR 1 1SW LWR 2,3 1DS LW CuP	1SW LWR 2,3 1DS LW CuP	Art/D&T		Assembly 1DS LWR 4,5	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	H/writing 1SW LW CuP 1DS LWR 6,7,8	English inc. Little Wandle Phonics	Little Wandle Phonics	R	Maths	Class Assembly	U	1SW LW CuP	1SW LWR 4,5 1DS LW CuP	PPA PE 1SW/1DS Music Rachel 1DS/1SW			
Wednesday	H/writing	Wednesday Word 1SW LWR 6 1DS LWR 9,10,11	English inc. Little Wandle Phonics	E	10.30 - 11.10 Maths/ computing	11.10 - 11.50 Computing / maths	N	1SW LW CuP	1SW LWR 7,8 1DS LW CuP	PE or Emotional Literacy/ RSE		Story	
Thursday	H/writing	Hymn Practice 1SW LWR 9 1DS LWR 12,13,14	English inc. Little Wandle Phonics	A	English - Writing focus	Maths	C	1SW LWR 10	1SW LWR 11,12 1DS LW CuP	RE	Science		
Friday	H/writing 1DS LWR 15,16,17	Phonics	Literacy		Maths	Topic		1SW LW 13	1SW LWR 14,15 1DS LW CuP	RE - inc recording	2.20 - 2.45 SDA 1SW CuP	Assembly Core Values 1DS LWR 18	
TA Timetable	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday				
Mrs Cox	1SW		1DS		1SW		1DS		1DS/1SW- AM				
Mrs Bigg	1DS		1SW		1DS		1SW						