



Spring Term – 1st Half
03.01.24 – 09.02.24

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.

Welcome back and a Happy and healthy New Year to you all!

We hope you all had a restful holiday season with your families.

Our main theme for this term will be Mexico and we look forward to our Mexican day, which will take place this half term. If you have any pictures or artefacts that relate to this topic we would love to see them.

Important dates for the term:

Friday 5th January: Beginning of term mass

8th January: Sikhism week

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th January: Book looks

Friday 12th, 19th, 26th and 2nd February: Year 2 Forest School sessions

Friday 9th February: Dare to be different day



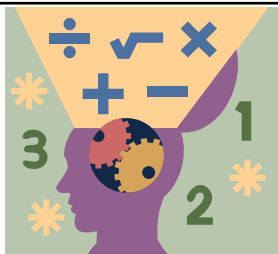
Literacy

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. Through different high quality the children will have the opportunity to develop their writing skills.

Guided reading sessions will continue to develop comprehension skills.

This half term we will be concentrating on:

Narrative – Through various texts we will be looking at characters, emotions and feelings in different parts of the stories. We will continue to use videos and diverse literature to engage all children.



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. We are specifically encouraging the children to use and apply their skills in problem solving and puzzles using all operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Number Sense and Multiplicative Reasoning:

- *The children will be working with 2 and 3 digit numbers and develop understanding of place value.*
- *They will learn multiplicative and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.*

Money:

- They will recognize pounds and pence.
- The children will add money to make amounts and find change.
- The children will compare amounts of money.

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 Good News.' We will learn that Jesus can change sadness into joy. We will learn about times that Jesus used his power to help others. We will learn that we should always remember to thank Jesus for helping others and for helping us.

RSE

We will hear the Story of the Prodigal Son. We will talk about how we treat others and how to say sorry. We will also learn about staying safe and good secrets and bad secrets.



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.

Other Curriculum Areas

P.E.: The children will learn a Mexican Dance and will also have a weekly session with our PE coach.

Geography: We will locate Mexico on a world map and consider modes of transport for getting there. We will be comparing our locality with Tocuaro, a village in Mexico. We will study the Horta family and compare their family life with ours.

Design and technology: Our new topic is 'Guacamole'. We will be looking at a Mexican Party and we will plan, make and evaluate guacamole.

Computing: The children will learn to construct a binary tree to sort information using our Purple Mash scheme.

Music: The children will continue to sing and enjoy music lessons.



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 such as telling the time, weighing in the kitchen and handling money. Homework will be given out on Friday to be returned on Wednesday.

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 have attached a link for you to see our curriculum at a glance.

<https://www.st-marys-catholic.bromley.sch.uk/curriculum/national-curriculum-at-a-glance>

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

With thanks from the Year 2 team.

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 2022-23	8.40 – 8.50	8.55 - 10.10			10.30 – 11.15	11.15 – 12.00		1.25 - 2.10	2.10 – 3.15
Monday	Early work	English		B	Maths	RSE	L LW X3	Science	
Tuesday	Early work & register	Maths		R	Year 2 PPA - Specialist Music and Miss Neville (PE)		U	English	
Wednesday	Early work & register	Wednesday Word	Maths	E	English	R.E	N LW X4	Humanities	
Thursday	Early work & register	Maths	Hymn Practice	A	English	PE	C	Art/DT	
Friday	Early work & register	English		K	Maths	Computing	H	R.E.	Self- directed activities