



**Summer – 1st Half**  
**15.04.2024-24.05.2024**

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Teachers: Mrs McCall and Miss Smith

TAs: Mrs Hayes and Mrs Summersby

ISA: Mrs Da Silva

### **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.

*We hope you all had a lovely and restful Easter break!*

*We had a fantastic Spring term and the children really are progressing well. We are looking forward to all our new topics for the Summer Term – in particular we are excited about our work on The Great Fire of London!*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April:** Year 2 trip to London Maritime Museum

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April:** Islam week

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday – school is closed

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May –** May Procession

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Book looks

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** school closes for half term



### **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. We will keep practising our cursive handwriting.*

*This half term we will be reading longer works of fiction and basing our writing on these.*

**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. This half term we will focus initially on mass, capacity and temperature. Then we will be moving on to fractions.

We will also continue to focus on our arithmetic skills involving the four operations.

- **Useful websites:**

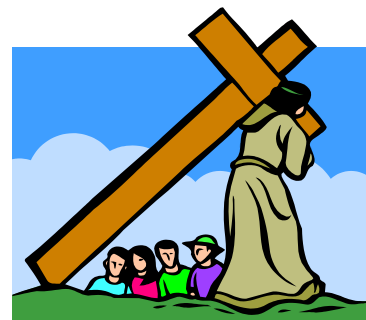
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## Religious Education

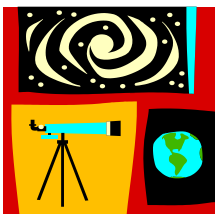
We will be following 'The Way, the Truth and the Life' scheme and our next topic is 'Eastertide.' We will be learning about Jesus rising from the dead, Ascension Day and Pentecost.

## RSE

We will be learning about our community and about keeping ourselves clean.



## Science



Our next topic will be Materials. The children will identify and explore different materials and find out whether they can be shaped or changed. We will explore the suitability of materials for specific purposes and look at what buildings are made of and why. We will have fun designing and building a from The Great Fire of London.

## Other Curriculum Areas

**P.E.:** The children will follow a dance unit and will also have a weekly session with their PE teacher Ms. Neville.

**History:** We will be learning all about the Great Fire of London.

**DT:** We will be designing and making puppets, focusing on using sewing techniques.

**Music:** The children will continue to learn the recorder and enjoy music lessons with Miss Robinson.

## 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.*

### 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.*

### 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 unidentifiable 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.

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