



Summer – 1st Half
22.04.25- 23.05.25

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

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ISA: Mrs Dovey, Mrs Everett and Mrs Monaghan

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 25th April: Beginning of term Mass & Easter bonnet parade

Monday 28th April: Islam week

Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday – school is closed

Friday 16th May – May Procession

Friday 23rd 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:**

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

Religious Education

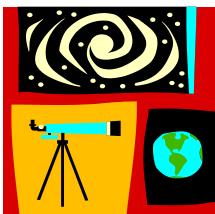
We will be following 'The Way, the Truth and the Life' scheme and our next topic is 'Eastertide.' We will be learning about Jesus rising from the dead, Ascension Day and Pentecost.

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 be learning invasion games 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 our specialist music teacher.

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 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.

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.

2024-25 Term 2	8.40 – 8.50	8.50 – 9.25	9.25 – 10.10		10.30 – 11.30	11.30 – 12.00		1.25 – 2.25	2.25 – 3.00	2.45 – 3.05	After School
Monday	Early Morning Work	Phonics	Literacy	B	Maths	RSE	L	Science		Assembly	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	Early Morning Work	9.00 - 9.25 KS1 Hymn Practice	Phonics	R	PPA Music and PE		U	Maths	Liturgy		
Wednesday	Early Morning Work (change for PE)	9.00 - 9.20 Wednesday Word	Phonics	E	Literacy	Maths	N	Computing	PE		
Thursday	Early Morning Work	Phonics	Literacy	A	Maths	RE	C	RE	DT		
Friday	Early Morning Work	Spelling Test	Literacy (SPAG)	K	Maths (arithmetic)	History	H	History Handwriting		Celebration Assembly - staff rota inc SLT	