



Autumn Term - 2nd Half

4.11.2024-20.12.2024

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.

We had a fabulous start to the year basing our work around Shackleton's Journey by William Grill. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Dulwich to see The James Caird and had the good fortune to meet Mrs Shackleton, a relative of the great man himself, at one of our Open Mornings!!

We look forward to seeing you all during parent consultations.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 15th November: own clothes day for Elfridges

Monday 18th and Thursday 21st November: parent consultation meetings

Friday 22nd November: own clothes day for Bottle Stall

Saturday 30th November: Christmas Fair 11.30am-3.30pm

Thursday 12th December: Christmas Carol Concert **7pm at St Edmunds**

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas dinner/home clothes day

Friday 20th December: End-of-term Mass; school closes at 2pm



Religious Education

In our R.E. lessons we will be focusing on the topic of Justice. The children will reflect on what this means, know that God calls us to speak out against injustice, and study the lives of people who have defended justice, such as Martin Luther King. We will also be studying the Nativity; children will be able to show understanding of the birth of Jesus, making links with beliefs about Jesus and the experiences of characters at the Nativity.

Relationships Education (RSE)

RSE lessons this term will focus on:

- emotional wellbeing – body image and emotional changes



Literacy

Writing Focus: this half term our written work will be based around the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes.

Reading: weekly comprehension exercises and reading sessions will continue to develop comprehension skills. Children also have their Reading Journals to continue.

Spellings: as part of the preparation of children for Key Stage 2 SATs there will continue to be regular spelling tests. Spelling rules rather than word lists are sometimes given out to help the children apply their spellings in their written work.

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

Science – Evolution and Inheritance

We will be building upon our research into variation and adaptation and looking at how fossils provide information about living things that inhabited earth millions of years ago. We will see how adaptation leads to evolution and explain the contribution made to scientific knowledge by scientists such as Charles Darwin.



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.

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.

Fractions: equivalence; addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.

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

Help at home: we would ask that you help your child practise their multiplication tables at home – this is not only up to 12 x 12 but includes multiples of 15 and 25, in line with the national curriculum. Assessment papers will be sent home for you to look at together once we have been through these in class.

Other Curriculum Areas

P.E.: St. Mary's PE kit (fully named) is vital and should be in school each day. 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.

History: we will be studying the development of British Justice from the Romans in Britain to the modern day.

French: we are fortunate to have Madame Batten for our weekly lessons. This half-term's topic: *Notre Monde (our world)*. We will also look at French Christmas traditions.

Art: We will be completing our mechanisms topic and learning about Dora Maurer in our art lessons.

And finally: preparation for the Christmas Carol Concert

Please support your child in learning the words for our year group's Christmas Carols and also in practising any readings they may be given.

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