



Summer Term – First Half

15.04.2024-24.05.2023

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.

WELCOME: The children have been working hard in all subjects and we are now at the point where they will be taking their Key Stage 2 SATs. Although the children have their secondary school places, SATs provide an opportunity for them to demonstrate just how much progress they have made in their seven years of learning at St Mary's– it is lovely for them to see just how far they have come thanks to all their hard work.

How you can help us

- Ensure the children are well rested, particularly in the week leading up to and the week of the assessments
- Ensure your child attends school every day and is on time
- Please avoid *any* appointments during the school day

Friday 19th April: Whole-school Mass

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday

Monday 13th- Friday 17th May: SATS week

Friday 17th May: May Procession

Tuesday 21st / Wednesday 22nd May: Book Looks



Religious Education

Topic this half-term: 'The Work Of The Apostles', reflecting on our calling to be disciples of Jesus.

Literacy

Writing Focus: This half term we will finish our work on the novel 'Carrie's War' by Nina Bawden.

Reading: Comprehension exercises and reading sessions will continue to develop comprehension skills.

Handwriting: In order to be considered working at the expected standard at the end of Year 6, children must be writing cursively. We will continue to practise handwriting skills by following the Kingston Cursive Handwriting Programme.

Grammar: Grammar is a key requirement for all primary age children and therefore is threaded throughout all lessons.

Homework: Literacy homework will continue to be set on Tuesday and should be submitted on Thursday.

Mathematics

Help at home: you can help your child revise by supporting them with their homework. Please look over their work once they have finished and sign the homework diary to confirm you have done this.

Maths revision: this half term we will be focusing on revising all the topics we have covered so far and applying our knowledge and skills to solve reasoning problems.

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

Science – animals, including humans

Our topic will be 'Animals, including humans', looking at body systems such as the circulatory system and the impact of diet, exercise, drugs & lifestyle on the way bodies function.

RSE

Our RSE topic is 'Me, my body and my health'. We will continue to discuss emotional and physical wellbeing, covering topics such as cyberbullying, making good choices, and how lifestyle choices impact health.

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.

Humanities: we will be building on our map reading skills using six-figure grid references.

DT: this half term we hope to be looking at food technology.

Computing: we will be exploring the concept of networks.

French: this half-term's topic: *Monter un café* (food and drink role play).

And finally...

Can we remind you that the Year 6 School Journey is fast approaching.

It is so important that your child has some experience of being away from home, and away from you, overnight BEFORE going away with the school. Please do not let School Journey be their first experience of this milestone.

Thank you!