

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Knaresborough

a Voluntary Academy



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 2 2026-2027

Autumn 2026

Maths This Autumn Term we will be focusing on <i>Place value</i> and <i>Addition and subtraction</i>. We will be using manipulatives to support us with our learning. We will then move onto <i>Shape</i>, where we will be recognising and identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. 	English In English this term we will be looking at a variety of books and text types. We will read <i>The Minpins</i> and <i>The Bear and the Piano</i> as a class and will write narratives, posters, setting descriptions and much more. We will reinforce the Year 1 writing criteria before introducing some new writing criteria from the Year 2 curriculum. We look forward to sharing our writing with you later on this term. 
RE HT1 – Creation & Covenant This unit will learn about some different parts of the Bible and hear the story of Noah. We will be focusing on God's promise with all creatures. We will then go onto thinking about stewardship and how we can look after the Earth. Finally we will look at the Sacrament of Baptism and the promises we make with God.  HT2 – Prophecy & Promise In this unit we will be thinking about the Holy Spirit in the infancy of Jesus. By the end of the unit child should be able to retell Jesus's infancy and know who John the Baptist is. We will also explore the Annunciation and the Visitation through artwork and make links to light and dark and Advent.	Science HT1 Living Things. During our first half term, we are identifying what living things need to survive by exploring the life processes shared by all living things. HT2 Living Things: Microhabitats. Next, we are focusing on mini beasts. We will be using scientific methods of enquiry and finding answers to our questions using our skills! 
History: How was school different in the past? We will be working to compare schools from the past, work with timelines, identify features from 100 years ago and use sources to research. 	Geography: Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place? In our Geography unit, we will examine climate zones. We will also locate hot and cold places around the world and compare the UK to Kenya.
PE PE will be taught on Monday and Thursday afternoons. PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, navy/black shorts and trainers or pumps. Our HT1 units will be: <i>Fundamentals</i> and <i>Dance</i>. Our HT2 units will be: <i>Team building</i> and <i>Yoga</i>. Art & DT Art: Drawing: Understanding tone and texture Exploring how artists use tone and texture. We will then apply these to our own observational drawings. DT: Cooking and nutrition: Balanced diet We will discover the importance of a balanced diet. We will then create a tasty, balanced wrap to meet a design brief.	Computing During HT1, we will be looking at <i>Computer Safety</i>, how to stay safe online. This is an important topic and focus as the children come back in September to keep them safe both in school and at home. In HT2, our topic is, 'Computing systems and networks 1: What is a computer?' In this unit, we explore what a computer is and how they process different information. We also identify different inputs and outputs. PSHE My healthy self: How can we look after our bodies? Throughout this topic, we understand how everyday choices support our health and wellbeing. We will focus on movement, sleep, food and drink. The online world: How can we stay safe online: During this, we create an awareness for different online content. We teach children that not everything is suitable or trustworthy. We will discuss what to do if we see something that worries us or makes us uncomfortable.

Music

Animals: Call and response

We will be developing our rhythm through chanting call-and-response sound patterns. We will then perform using un-tuned percussion instruments.

Musical storytelling: Instruments

We will start to explore lengthier pieces of music. We will explore a range of music and consider how we can tell a story using a variety of different instruments.