

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Knaresborough

a Voluntary Academy



Autumn Curriculum Newsletter for Year 1

 Maths In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on place value. In our lessons we will be sorting, counting and ordering objects. Counting on one more and counting backwards one less. In the second half term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction within 10. We will be using the part-whole model, fact families and problem solving. In Maths children will have lots of opportunity for hands on learning as individuals, pairs and small groups.	 English In English, we will begin by looking at the book Cave Baby. Children will write narrative retellings, labels and captions and informal letters. We will then look at Astro Girl. Children will write fact files about being astronauts, writing in role, commands and 'how to' guides. Next half term, we will begin with the book Dragon Post. Children will write guides to looking after a dragon, letters asking for help, notes of advice, instructions, menus and speech bubbles. We will then read I Want My Hat Back and children will write story sequels questions, speech bubbles, letters and lists.
 RE In half term one, children will be learning about creation and covenant. The children will hear and retell the story of Creation from the first chapter of the Book of Genesis and talk about its meaning. They will learn that in the story of Creation God gave human beings the responsibility for taking care of the world and everything in it and in doing this they show their love for each other and for God. Children will study how belief in Creation is expressed in diverse creative and artistic ways and talk about their responses. They will learn that the beauty of the world leads people to expressions of wonder and awe and how for Christians and other people of faith this leads to prayers of praise and thanksgiving.	Science This half term, our topic is Seasonal Change. Children will be exploring how seasonal changes affect trees, weather patterns and daylight hours. Next half term, our topic is called Everyday Materials. Children will be discovering the difference between objects and materials by exploring and classifying a variety of items. 
History Next half term, our topic is called 'How am I making history?' Children will be investigating the past within living memory by exploring personal chronology and using photographs to ask and answer questions about the past. 	Geography This half term, our topic is called 'What is it like here?' Children will work on developing mapping skills by locating familiar features on aerial photographs and creating simple maps. 
Art and D.T. This half term, our D.T topic is called Stable Structures. Children will be investigating stable shapes and using an understanding of balance to discover how wide or heavy bases improve stability in freestanding structures. Next half term, our art topic is called Exploring Line and Shape. Children will be working and experimenting with different materials through observational and collaborative pieces inspired by artists.	PE Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. In this half term, children will be learning gymnastics and ball skills. Next half term, children will learn gymnastics and team building games. Please ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit. Some of our lessons will take place outside.
Homework Each week, children will bring home a reading book linked to current phonics teaching. Every Wednesday, children will bring home their maths homework book to complete some pages based on our current learning. Please bring this back to school each Wednesday so it can be marked and sent back home. To help your child at home, you could: Read with your child. Support with their homework. Practise phonics sounds with your child and encourage them to sound out when reading or spelling. 	