

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Knaresborough

a Voluntary Academy

Curriculum Newsletter for Year 2

Spring 1

I hope you have all had a restful Christmas break. Thank you for the lovely gifts and cards, you have been very generous.

<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>In Maths this half term we will continue our work on place value. We will be ordering 2-digit numbers and revising the < and > signs. By the end of the half term children should be able to recognise and identify properties (including faces and vertices) of 3D shapes and tell the time to the nearest quarter on analogue and digital clocks.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>In English this half term we will begin work on our new Literacy and Language scheme. We will begin by looking at stories with a familiar setting. Later in the half term, we will be looking at explanation texts. This will link nicely to our Science topic as children will be writing an explanation of a frog's life cycle.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">RE and Mass Dates</p>  <p>Our topic this half term is 'The Good News'. We will look at various Bible stories including: Jairus' daughter, The Ten Lepers and The Feeding of the 5000. Children will have the opportunity to retell these stories and also ask and respond to questions about them.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p>  <p>For science this half term we will be continuing with our topic 'Why would a dinosaur not make a good pet?' Children will learn to identify and name a variety of plants and animals in different habitats. We will also be looking at how animals depend on their surroundings and we will be creating food chains.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Topic</p> <p>At the beginning of this half term we will continue with our topic 'How did the Great Fire of London start?'</p> <p>Our second topic this half term is 'Where would you prefer to live: England or Africa?' Children will be looking at life in Kenya. We will be comparing the geographical features of Kenya to Knaresborough.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>PE will be every Tuesday afternoon with Mr Wilson.</p> <p>It would be really helpful if you could please ensure that children have their PE kit in school every Tuesday.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Homework</p> <p>Homework will be given out every Friday and collected back in on the following Wednesday.</p> <p>Children will have a page of mental maths work and an English activity in their new workbooks to complete each week.</p> <p>Children will also receive spellings on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">To help your child at home, you could:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Support with their homework.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Please continue to read at home with your child. Children that read at home at least 3 times a week will move up our reading ladder!</p>