St. Mary’s Catholic Primary School  Knaresborough

a Voluntary Academy

**Curriculum Newsletter for Year 3**

**Spring 1**

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| **Maths**  In maths, we will be learning about multiplying and dividing by 10 as well as adding pairs of three-digit numbers. We will also be looking at fractions, properties of shapes, perimeter and angles.  **math_magic_squares[1]**The Children should know the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables. | **English**  This term we will start by learning about Playscripts and the different features that are included with in them. then we will learn about information texts.  In addition, the children will have grammar and punctuation lessons, spelling tests and handwriting.  stack-of-books[1]  Guided reading will also be once a week. |
| **Description: http://www.footstepsuk.org/sites/default/files/footsteps_feet.gif RE and Mass Dates**  **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  This term we will be learning about forgiveness and reconciliation. We will be looking at the story of Zacchaeus, the Lost Sheep, and the Lost Son and what these stories show about forgiveness. Also, we will be looking at the process of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how and why Catholics prepare in a certain way. | **Science**    **How far can you throw your shadow?**  In this topic, we will be learning about light. We will investigate what light is and why we need it. We will also explore reflections and shadows. |
| **Topic**  http://www.rmhccolumbia.org/Graphics/Images/Cartoon-House-and-Children.gif**Why do people visit the Mediterranean?**  Our topic for this term will be about The Mediterranean.  **Geography:** We will learn about what countries are in The Mediterranean and be able to locate them on a map. Moreover we will be investigating why people enjoy visiting certain Mediterranean countries.  **Art:** We will also be looking at an artist from The Mediterranean and creating our own artwork based on their pieces of art.  **D.T:** we will be exploring different food dishes popular in The Mediterranean and we will be able to try to recreate some of these dishes. | **PE**  PE lessons will take place on Wednesday afternoon with either Mrs Archer or Mr Wilson. |
| **Homework**  Homework will be given out on Fridays and will be due in on Wednesdays.  Each week there will be:   * A page of maths homework * Spellings * Another piece of homework based on what we have been learning | **To help your child at home, you could:**   * Read with your child * Support them with homework * Practice times tables, particularly 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 |