

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Knaresborough



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Curriculum Newsletter for Year 6 - Spring 1

<p>English</p> <p>Throughout this half term we will be studying Stormbreaker. During this unit there will be lots of fantastic writing opportunities: letters, diaries, writing our own chapters, emails and lots more, using the Year 6 writing criteria.</p>  <p>Furthermore we will be having weekly SPAG lessons.</p>	<p>Class Assembly</p> <p>Year 6 will be having a class assembly on Friday 8th February. All parents are invited and welcome to join us. During this assembly we will be talking about what we have been learning so far this year as well as handing out some celebratory certificates to children.</p>
<p>Maths</p> <p>In Maths this Spring term we will be looking at lots of different aspects of Maths, number and place value, fractions, decimals and percentages, addition and subtraction, algebra as well as multiplication and division. Applying these skills to problem solving, reasoning and exam style questions.</p>  <p>We will also be working on our mental maths skills at the start of maths lessons and on Wednesday afternoon.</p>	<p>Topic and Science</p> <p>Our topic this half term is 'Blood Heart', which overlaps with our Science topic of 'the Body'. This half term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. ✓ Recognising the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. 
<p>RE and Mass Dates</p> <p>During this half term we will be looking at the topic Jesus, the Teacher.</p>  <p>In this topic the children will learn about the different parts of the Mass, particularly the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They will learn about the first Passover and show an understanding of the links between it and the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples. They will reflect on the importance of the body and blood of Christ for Catholics.</p> <p>As well as this, we will have a multi-faith week, during which Year 6 will learn about Kosher foods (Judaism) and create their own Kosher menu.</p> <p>Year 6 will be going to Mass at St Mary's Church this half term on Wednesday 20th February. Unless you attend All Stars please meet us there. The service will start at 9.00. You are all welcome to join us. Please don't be late!</p>	<p>Bikeability</p> <p>This half term, Year 6 has got bikeability on the 5th and 6th of Feb as well as on the 14th and 15th Feb. Please ensure that bikes meet the criteria or they will not be allowed on the roads. Letters will be sent home telling you the date you child is booked on.</p>  <p>PE</p> <p>PE will be taught on Friday afternoons each week by Mr Wilson. During this half term they will be doing 'Real PE' through invasion games.</p> <p>Please remember your kits! Remember: PE kits should be in school all week.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Homework</p>  <p>Homework will consist of weekly spellings, reading and a mental maths test.</p> <p>Spellings have been handed out at the start of the year with the date of each test. Spare copies can be sent out, if requested, or alternatively they're displayed on the Year 6 class page of the school website.</p> <p>Maths homework will be due in every Wednesday. We will mark their work together and go through any questions that they've not understood. The maths books they are on are based on their scores from a mental maths test they carried out at the end of last year.</p>	
<p>To help your child at home, you could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure your child is reading, whether that is to an adult or by themselves. • Ensure they do their homework and have it in school when it's due. • Help them with any homework they're struggling with. • Learn their spellings with them, and test them, applying the words to sentences. • Practise and test their number bonds as well as multiplication and division facts. 	