






St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Knaresborough

a Voluntary Academy



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 1

Autumn

 <p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>In English this half term children will create fact files and autobiographies of their own. We will be writing non-chronological reports comparing childhood in the 1950's to today. We will be discussing important events in history.</p> <p>In the second half term, we will be creating riddles and sharing these with each other in class. We will look at the story Lost and Found and at the end of the term we will write some letters to Father Christmas.</p> 
 <p style="text-align: center;">RE</p> <p>Our topic for this half term is 'God's Great Plan'. This topic is designed to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of God's beautiful world. It also helps the children appreciate that God created them because he loves them and that each person should thank God for the gifts of creation and help God look after the world.</p> <p>After half term, children will develop their knowledge and understanding of Mary and her role in God's sending of his Son, Jesus. It introduces the children to the stories of the Nativity of Jesus in Luke's Gospel which are told from Mary's point of view. The topic also gives opportunities for the children to learn about the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas and their respective rituals, signs and symbols.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>In Science this half term we will look at everyday materials. We will begin by discovering all the natural materials in our classroom, playground and our woodland area. Then, we will be identifying the man-made materials we use at school and learning about the processes of how they are made. At the end of our half term we have an important bunting experiment to carry out.</p> <p>After half term, we will be exploring the human senses topic. This project teaches children that humans are a type of animal, known as a mammal. They name body parts and recognise common structures between humans and other animals. They learn about the senses, the body parts associated with each sense and their role in keeping us safe.</p>
<p>Topic</p>	<p>PE</p>



This term, we will be using our science knowledge of materials to build dens in our D&T topic shade and shelter. This project teaches children about the purpose of shelters and their materials. They name and describe shelters and design and make shelter prototypes. Children then design and build a play den as a group and evaluate their completed product.

This term we have two art topics. Our first topic, is called Mix it. This project teaches children about basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of primary and secondary colours and how artists use colour in their artwork. Our second topic, is called Funny faces and fabulous features. This project teaches children about the concept of the portrait and how the collage technique can be used to make a portrait.

PE will be on Monday and Tuesday. This term, children will be working on the fundamentals of physical education and ball skills. We will be exploring how we move, jump, balance, skip and how we can combine all these skills. In our ball skills lessons we will be exploring new ways to move and throw a ball, working independently, in pairs and as teams. Alongside this promoting the value of being a supportive friend a fantastic sports person.

Children should come to school wearing their uniform and bring in their PE kit each Friday. Please ensure there is some suitable clothing for PE outdoors.



Homework



Children will receive a list of half-termly spellings to practice at home. These spellings will be linked directly to the spellings that we have been learning in class each week.

Children will receive a weekly phonics worksheet on a Monday to complete.

Each term, children will be given an opportunity to complete a piece of work linked to their topic. This will be displayed at the end of the term for parents and children to enjoy.

Please continue to read at home with your child.

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.

We are going to have an exciting term!

Miss Raven

