

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Knaresborough

a Voluntary Academy

Curriculum Newsletter for Year 2017-2018

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<p>Maths</p>  <p>To start the term we will be focusing on different mental strategies of addition, subtraction and multiplication. We will also be using our place value knowledge to read, write and compare 4 digit numbers in different ways. After that we will focus on converting units of measure.</p>	<p>English</p> <p>In English we will start by developing our story writing skills focusing on stories set in another world, using the story of The Tunnel as a focus. We will then be going onto chronological reports about Ancient Egypt, using different grammar elements to help organise information for the reader.</p>
 <p>RE</p> <p>Our first topic this year will be 'The Bible', where we will be looking at the structure of The Bible and the Old Testament. As part of this we will be discussing the stories of Abraham and why his actions were important and what this shows us about trust in God. We will also be discussing the stories of David and Goliath and Jonah and the Whale to see what we can learn from them.</p>	 <p>Science- What happens to the food we eat?</p> <p>This term we will be learning about the digestive system of humans and other animals. This will involve us describing and explaining the role of digestive system. Comparing our teeth with other animals and using fair tests investigating what damages our teeth and how best we can protect them.</p>
<p><u>Topic – How can we re-discover Ancient Egypt?</u></p>  <p>This term we will be learning about life in Ancient Egypt through artefacts and research. Children will learn about mummification, the gods and hieroglyphics. We will also be creating our own Egyptian portraits.</p>	 <p>PE</p> <p>PE this half term will be on a Thursday and Friday afternoons. Thursday afternoons will be an outdoor games based lesson on ball skills. While Friday will be a dance based unit focusing on linking actions into a sequence.</p>



Homework

Homework will be handed out on a Friday and collected on **Wednesday**. Homework consists of 1 page of the maths book, spellings, daily reading and another task. As part of their homework children are required to read for 15 minutes per night. Please can parents or carers sign their child's reading diary daily to confirm that their child has read.

To help your child at home, you could:



- Read to your child.
- Support with their homework
- Practise times tables and division facts.