

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School







## Knarborough

a Voluntary Academy



### Curriculum Newsletter for Year 2 2023-2024

Autumn 2023

<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>This Autumn Term we will be focusing on <b>Place value</b> and <b>Addition and subtraction</b>. We will be using lots of manipulatives to support us with our learning. We will then move onto <b>Shape</b>, where we will be recognising and identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.</p> 	<p><b>English</b></p> <p>In English this term we will be looking at a variety of books and text types. We will reinforce the Year 1 writing criteria before introducing some new writing criteria from the Year 2 curriculum.</p> <p>We look forward to sharing our writing with you later on this term.</p> 
<p><b>RE</b></p> <p><b>HT1 – Chosen People</b></p> <p>This unit will help the children appreciate that they are chosen by God to help others. It will also develop the children's knowledge of Abraham, Moses and Daniel and give them some understanding of faith and trust in God.</p>  <p><b>HT2 – Mysteries</b></p> <p>This unit will develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the term 'mystery' and of the Christian understanding of God as 'Trinity'. The unit goes on to outline the story of Jesus' birth and the role played by the Holy Spirit and angels through the characters of Mary and Joseph.</p>	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p><b>HT1 Human Survival.</b></p> <p>This project teaches children about the basic needs of humans for survival, including the importance of exercise, nutrition and good hygiene. They learn how human offspring grow and change over time into adulthood.</p>  <p><b>HT2 Habitats.</b></p> <p>This project teaches children about habitats and what a habitat needs to provide. They explore local habitats to identify and name living things and begin to understand how they depend on one another for food and shelter.</p>
<p><b>History: Movers and Shakers</b></p> <p>This project teaches children about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance.</p> 	<p><b>Geography: Let's Explore the World</b></p> <p>This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children about atlases, maps and compass points. They learn about the characteristics of the four countries of the United Kingdom and find out why there are hot, temperate and cold places around the world.</p>
<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>PE will be taught on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Remember, we don't come into school in our PE kit anymore. PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers or pumps.</p> <p>Our HT1 units will be: <b>Fundamentals</b> and <b>Team building</b>. Our HT2 units will be: <b>Gymnastics</b> and <b>Yoga</b>.</p>	<p><b>Computing</b></p> <p>During HT1, we will be looking at <b>Computer Safety</b>, how to stay safe online. In HT2, we will be looking at IT around us.</p> <p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>During HT1, we will be looking at friendships: what makes a good friend and how to resolve problems. In HT2, we will look at keeping safe indoors and outdoors.</p>
<p><b>Homework</b></p> <p>Homework consists of: <b>reading 3x a week; weekly spellings; maths homework</b> and <b>termly topic homework showcase</b>.</p>  <p>As part of their homework, children are encouraged to read for 10 minutes per night, at least 3 nights a week. Please can parents or carers complete their child's reading record (date, book, pages read, comment, and signature).</p> <p>Spelling Tests will be every Friday, and half termly spellings will be glued into reading records at the start of each half term, as well as being located on Year 2's page of the school website.</p> <p>Maths homework books will be sent home, where weekly homework will link to the units covered in class.</p> <p>There will also be one piece of topic homework per term, based on our History, Geography, Art and DT units. A project board will be sent home for inspiration and found on Y2's page of the school website.</p> <p><b>To help your child at home, you could: Read to your child; Listen to your child read; Support with their homework; Encourage them to play on NUMBOTS; or encourage them to play on Spelling Shed at home.</b></p>	