

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Knaresborough

a Voluntary Academy

Curriculum Newsletter for Year 2 2023-2024

Spring 2023-2024

Maths

This Spring Term we will be applying the knowledge learnt over Autumn Term to the areas of: money; multiplication and division; length and height; and mass, capacity and temperature.

As well as this we will be doing daily maths arithmetic and recapping prior learning through Flash Back 4s.

English

In English this term we will be looking at a variety of text types and books, such as: Instructions; Reports; Winnie and Wilbur at the seaside; and our class saint, Saint David. We will be focusing on the Year 2 writing criteria, adding new elements throughout the term. We look forward to sharing our writing with you later on this term.

It will also be World Book Day this term.

RE

HT3 - Good News

The children will learn that Jesus brought the good news of God's love and that this changed people's lives. They will learn that Jesus used his power to help others and reflect on the importance of these events.

They will reflect on how they can bring good news to their family and friends.

Science

HT3 Use of Materials.

This project teaches children about the uses of everyday materials and how materials' properties make them suitable or unsuitable for specific purposes. They begin to explore how materials can be changed

HT4 – The Mass

Year 2 will learn and reflect on the importance of the celebration of the Mass. They will learn about the readings at Mass and why we should listen to them, and learn that at the Offertory we offer gifts to God. They will also appreciate that at the Consecration the bread and wine are changed into Jesus' Body and Blood

HT4 Plant Survival.

This project teaches children about the growth of plants from seeds and bulbs. They observe the growth of plants first hand, recording changes over time and identifying what plants need to grow and stay healthy.

Geography: Coastlines

This project teaches children about the physical and human features of coastal regions across the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the coastal town of Whitby, in Yorkshire.

PE

PE will be taught on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Our HT3 units will be: **Gymnastics** and **Dance**. Our HT4 units will be: **Invasion** and **Ball skills**.

PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers or pumps.

PSHE

During HT3, we will be looking at Physical health and wellbeing: What keeps me healthy? In HT4, we will look at Medicines and me

Computing

During HT3, we will be looking at *Digital photography*; using iPads to take pictures. In HT4, we will be looking at *making music*.

Homework

Homework consists of: reading 3x a week; weekly spellings; maths homework and termly topic homework showcase.



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).

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.

Maths homework books will be sent home, where weekly homework will link to the units covered in class.

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.

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.