

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Knaresborough

a Voluntary Academy



Curriculum Newsletter for EYFS

Summer 1

<p>Maths</p> <p>In Maths we begin to revisit some of the foundational concepts we have been looking at over the last two terms, including becoming more secure in counting to 20, 100 and then beyond 100. We will also be practising writing numbers and recording our mathematical findings. We will then also look at naming and describing common 2D and 3D shapes. To challenge the children further we will begin to look at problems with solutions that involve doubling and halving, and at becoming secure counting in 2's 5's and 10's. Towards the end of this half term we revisit time, learning about the order of the days and months as well as learning to read analogue and digital clock times.</p> 	<p>English</p> <p>Phonics: All children are making excellent progress in their phonics. We have now divided the class into three phonics groups to enable them to make the best progress with good adult support. Our groups are working at consolidating Phase 2, becoming secure at Phase 3 and starting Phase 4.</p> <p>Handwriting: All children have been trying extremely hard with their handwriting and got into the habit of coming in to start it straight away. All children can now write their name clearly. For our most confident writers, we will begin to teach pre-cursive letter formation in preparation for year one. For the majority of children we will continue concentrate on teaching correct letter formation. Some children will continue to receive additional support for their pencil grip and fine motor control in readiness for forming recognisable letters.</p> <p>Writing: Our writing is centred around our topic work and will provide opportunities for exploring and writing poetry, stories and non-fiction texts.</p> 
<p>RE and Mass Dates</p> <p>We will be exploring 'New Life' in this Easter season of the church. We will learn about what the good news of Easter means and what impact it has on our church and on our lives. We will learn about some of the post-resurrection stories of Jesus and retell these in creative and imaginative ways.</p>  <p>Mass dates: Tuesday 2nd May 2017 – Whole School Easter Mass – 10.30 a.m.</p>	<p>C&L / PSED / EAD / Topic</p> <p>This term our topic is going to be 'Things that grow'. Starting off by talking about how our bodies change as we grow from baby to adult, and how we can keep healthy, we then go on to look at plant life and animal life cycles. We hope to actively learn and explore this when we have the hatching chicks in our class in the middle of the term. This links in with our Knowledge and Understanding of the World; showing care and concern for living creatures and observing changes over time.</p> 
<p>Independence:</p> <p>All the children are now capable of coming into the classroom without additional help from a parent or carer. Please say good-bye to your child outside the door and send them in. Sometimes we find coming in to the classroom makes the transition harder for the children who are by now very familiar with the morning routine. Thank you for helping your child to be more independent!</p> <p>Tapestry Updates: As always, we love to see and hear what you have been up to together at home. Please ask if you are having any trouble using or logging in to Tapestry.</p>	<p>Physical Development</p> <p>The children have been enjoying their PE outside with Mrs Oultram. They will continue to do a range of activities designed to develop and challenge their physical capabilities. Please provide a named PE Kit, as always. <i>If you are struggling with this, please have a quiet word with one of the staff.</i></p>  <p>Home-Learning: Please read with your child as often as you can, little and often is best! Use a combination of the school reading books and library / home books that they enjoy. We aim to change the books (if read) on a Monday and Friday. A Phonics-based activity will be stuck in their green home-learning book on a Friday.</p>  <p>Please use Tapestry to record other learning you do together at home. Thank you</p>