

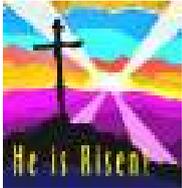
St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Knaresborough

a Voluntary Academy



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 3

Summer 1

<p>Maths</p>  <p>In Maths this half term we will be: Adding and subtracting multiples of 10, comparing and ordering fractions with the same denominator, developing our understanding of equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. The children will also work on developing their written methods for multiplication and division. This half term we will also work on drawing and interpreting bar charts and pictograms, compare weights, estimate and weigh objects to the nearest 100g and know how many grams there are in a kilogram. The children will also consolidate their written methods for addition and use these in a problem-solving context.</p>	<p>English</p> <p>Taught following the <i>Primary National Curriculum 2014</i>, the children will learn about many different styles of writing through our class topic about the Mediterranean. We will use this as a stimulus for our writing. The children will also be focussing on creative writing and will be developing their sentence construction to improve the content and structure of their writing.</p> <p>In addition, the children will have weekly spelling, punctuation and grammar lessons as well as handwriting and phonic activities. The children will also have a weekly guided reading session.</p> 
<p>RE and Mass Dates</p>  <p>Celebrating Easter and Pentecost</p> <p>Easter Mass Celebration – Tues 2nd May – 10.30am</p> <p>Year 3 – Celebrating Easter & Pentecost</p> <p>“God’s Self-Revelation is perfected in us by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, promised by Jesus and revealed at Pentecost.”</p> <p><i>Religious Education Curriculum Directory</i></p> <p>Year 3 will learn that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday. They will learn that because Jesus rose from the dead we too will rise from the dead. They will hear the story of the appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus and to Thomas. They will also hear and reflect on the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>Science Topic Work- How far can you throw your shadow?</p> <p>Using this learning challenge, the children will learn about the relationship between light, an object and the formation of shadows. The children observe the apparent movement of the Sun and the associated changes in shadows.</p> <p>Experimental and investigative work focuses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making and recording measurements and observations • drawing conclusions • suggesting explanations for observations and conclusions. <p>Work in this unit also offers the children opportunities to explain shadows using scientific knowledge and to recognise the hazards and risks in looking at the Sun.</p> 

<p><u>At Home</u></p> <p>You could help your children by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • talking to them about how the Church celebrates the resurrection • reading the story of Pentecost with them • discussing with them what they would have felt if they were one of the Disciples <hr/> 	
<p>Topic</p>  <p>Why do so many people go to the Mediterranean for their holidays?</p> <p>Our Geography topic this half term will link to our Literacy work but also to our Art and DT. We will be finding out about food made, grown or produced in the Mediterranean and use this knowledge to design and make a dish. We will also be finding out about well-known Mediterranean artists and painting in the same style as these artists. In Geography, we will locate countries surrounding the Mediterranean on a map, think about advantages and disadvantages of living in a Mediterranean country and the climate.</p>	<p>P.E</p> <p>Each Thursday morning the children will partake in their swimming lessons at Knaresborough pool this term. </p> <p>ICT: The children will find out about different ways data can be organised, will learn to search a database to answer questions and to add to a database. They will make a branching database.</p> <p>French: Vive le Sport</p> <p>In this unit children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learn the days of the week ✓ Learn the names for some sports ✓ Learn to say what activities they play/do on particular days ✓ Learn some poems and songs ✓ Revise 'Which is your favourite?' (sport) <p>Music: We really hope you enjoyed the fabulous ukulele concert the children did before the Easter holiday. We will continue working with Mr Hills this term and will keep you posted about another concert before the end of the year!</p>
<p> Homework</p> <p>Home-learning is a very important aspect to support children's learning and we would ask for your help on this matter. Homework will be given out on Fridays and collected on the following Wednesday at the latest. (If any children are able to complete their homework earlier please do hand it in on the Monday/Tuesday as this will greatly help us in getting it marked and handed back to the children promptly).</p> <p>The homework will consist of a numeracy task per week and another piece related to the children's learning. The children will be given information regarding the work but please do not hesitate to contact us if there is a problem. The children know they can see us any time before the homework is due.</p> <p>In addition, spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. We also expect the children to read for approximately 10 minutes per day.</p> <p>If any parent has any expertise in any of the above learning and would like to share their knowledge with the children, please do not hesitate in contacting us.</p> <p>We look forward to a fun and exciting term together!</p>	<p>To help your child at home, you could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read to your child and with your child • Support them with their homework • Practise times tables and division facts. 