

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
Curriculum Letter
Spring Term 2018
Year 3/4



Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. The children have come back raring to go and excited about the term ahead. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Just a reminder: please ensure that all of your child's uniform is labelled clearly to aid in a speedy return of any lost items and that your child should have indoor shoes in School.

Miss Duncan

<i>RE</i>	<p><i>At St Mary's we follow Living and Growing as the People of God, which is the Archdiocese's scheme of work. This term we will start with a unit focussing on Jesus as the Light of the World and the Beloved Son and we will move on to Old Testament stories focussing on Moses to King David. After half term, our topic will be based on Lent and Holy Week in line with the liturgical calendar.</i></p>
<i>English</i>	<p><i>This term in English, we will begin focussing on narrative. We have selected narrative texts based on the theme of Egyptians to fit in with our topic. Within this, the children will explore the structure of narrative focusing on opening, build-up, dilemma resolution and ending. After this, we will explore poetry and the children will write their own poems focusing on rhythm and structure. After half term, we will be looking at the genre of instruction writing and information texts, where the children will write instructions on 'how to mummify'.</i></p> <p><u><i>Spelling</i></u> <i>Each week in SPaG we will focus on five spellings. These will be introduced on Monday and revisited throughout the week (these spellings will be included in the homework). The aim is for children to recognise and recall these words and apply their knowledge to spelling these words correctly in their writing.</i></p>
<i>Maths</i>	<p><i>Your child will begin the term recognising and problem solving using fractions, including addition and subtraction of fractions. After this, the children will be focussing on area and perimeter using their addition and multiplication skills to support. Throughout the term, your child will continue to develop their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division knowledge and skills child will investigate the relationships between the four operations, using inversing to aid their calculations. After half term, the children will use negative numbers and apply this to problems based around this.</i></p> <p><u><i>Times Tables</i></u> <i>Children will learn and revisit multiplication facts in class throughout the year and will be given weekly times tables quizzes based on their</i></p>

	<p>individual current knowledge of times tables. Children will challenge themselves to achieve their next level. At home we would appreciate you working on recalling times tables facts whenever possible (they are expected to know all multiplication tables up to 12 by the end of Year 4).</p> <p><u>RM EasiMaths</u> Your child will be given their login details for RM EasiMaths (these are the same as last year) in the next few weeks. This can be accessed at: https://www.rmeasimaths.com or you can download the free app for use on tablets. Please encourage your child to use this to consolidate Maths learning taught in class.</p> <p><u>Times Tables Rockstars</u> We now have full membership of Times Tables Rockstars. The children can use this online at https://trockstars.com/login or the app can be downloaded for free. The login details are in your child's Maths Homework books.</p>
Science	<p><u>Animals including Humans</u> At the start of the term, we will be focussing on human biology; including diet and nutrition, the human skeleton and bones as well as the job of muscles.</p> <p><u>Sound</u> After half term we will be studying sound, learning about how sounds are made and how sound travels. The children will investigate pitch and volume of sounds as well as how a sound changes as it travels.</p>
PE	<p><u>Gymnastics, Invasion Games and Dance</u> PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please make sure your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week. Swimming lessons for Year 4 will be this term and will be in the Summer Term for Year 3 pupils.</p>
Computing	<p><u>E-safety</u> The children will learn about the importance of staying safe online and discuss how to be responsible citizens online.</p>
History	<p>This term we will be focussing on the Ancient Egyptians. We will look at where the Egyptians came in history, their lifestyle, the Gods that they believed in and their custom of mummification.</p>
Art	<p>Children will develop their artistic skills through designing and creating multi-media Egyptian themed artwork. This will involve deciding upon colour, texture and arrangement.</p>
DT	<p>Children will research, design and create Egyptian style masks. Children will also evaluate their work in order to improve their final product.</p>
PSHE	<p>This year we are following the SCARF scheme of work for PSHE. Children will be learning about a healthy lifestyle and well-being, both physically and emotionally.</p>
Music	<p>Children will increase their musical abilities by learning to play a song on a tuned instrument, focusing on playing accurately and fluently. They will then perform their pieces to the other year 3/4 classes.</p>
MFL	<p>Children will learn vocabulary linked to parts of the body in French and use these in songs, games and everyday conversation.</p>

Homework Expectations

As well as Spelling and Times tables, homework will be set on a Wednesday and is to be handed in by Monday of the following week. The homework will consist of a Maths and English task that will consolidate work covered in class.

Please encourage your child to read at home each night and where possible find opportunities to share books or discuss books that you are reading together. We ask that reading books and reading records are in School with the children every day.

Class Key Dates

Friday 26th January 3/4- 3.15pm RC PTFA Cake Sale

Sunday 4th February- 9am School Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

Wednesday 7th February -9.30am LKS2 Mass at School

HALF TERM- 12th- 16th February

Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th March Year 4 Manor Adventure

Wednesday 21st March 3.30-6pm Parents Evening

Thursday 22nd March 3.30-6pm Parents Evening

Tuesday 27th March 9.30am Whole School Mass at School

Thursday 29th March - Last day of term

Monday 16th April - Start of Summer Term