

*St. Mary's Catholic Primary School*  
*Spring Term 2018*  
*Year Five*  
*Curriculum Letter*



*I hope that everyone had a wonderful and happy holiday. I would like to begin by thanking you for all of the cards, gifts and good wishes. As always, we have a very busy term ahead with lots of exciting learning opportunities. We are excited to jump into our new topic "Splish Splash Splosh!" this term. This will be largely Geography based topic. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with me in the mornings before school or after school. Mrs O'Donnell*

<i>RE</i>	<i>We will continue to follow "Learning and Growing as People of God" which is the Diocesan scheme. We begin with Prayers in the lives of the followers of Christ, which includes studying traditional prayers as well as thinking about our own prayer life. In addition to this we will look at the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation as well as Lent and Easter.</i>
<i>Literacy</i>	<i>The children in Upper Key Stage 2 will continue to be taught in ability groups for Literacy. As well as specific grammar, spelling and reading skills, we will also cover narrative writing, non-chronological reports and explanation texts.</i>
<i>Maths</i>	<i>The children in Upper Key Stage 2 will continue to be taught in ability groups for Maths. We will be covering calculation, fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio, transformations and interpreting data.</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>During this term, children will be learning about the water cycle and forces including gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction.</i>
<i>PE</i>	<i>PE lessons for the Spring term will include dance, gymnastics and indoor athletics. Lessons will take place on a Thursday and Friday afternoon for children in Upper Key Stage 2. Please ensure your child has an appropriate change of clothes for indoor and outdoor lessons during the coming months. This includes a warm jumper and jogging bottoms when the weather is colder with appropriate outdoor trainers. Shorts/leggings and t-shirts for indoors. Long hair should be tied up and jewellery should</i>

	<i>be removed. Year 5/6 will be swimming on a Monday afternoon during the Spring term. Please let me know in writing if your child is unable to take part in a PE or swimming lesson.</i>
<i>Computing</i>	<i>Children will be learning about e-safety and the importance of staying safe when using the internet.</i>
<i>Geography</i>	<i>This term we will be looking at map skills, rivers, coastal areas, erosion, and water in the UK and in Kenya and how water is used for power.</i>
<i>Art</i>	<i>We will be looking at landscapes, studying the work of David Hockney and his interpretation of water.</i>
<i>DT</i>	<i>In DT we will be designing and building bridges which will be tested for strength.</i>
<i>PSHE</i>	<i>During PSHE this term we will be using the SEAL and SCARF schemes of work. The units we will cover are Going for Goals and Good to be Me.</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>This term, the children will be appreciating different genres of music including choral, gospel and bhangra.</i>
<i>MFL</i>	<i>In French, students will continue to increase speaking skills through the use of songs, rhymes, vocabulary as well as conversation.</i>

### ***Homework Expectations***

*Children will be given homework weekly in literacy and maths. Children will receive Literacy on Thursday and Maths on Friday. They are due the following Monday. These tasks should not take more than thirty minutes each. If your child has not completed their work in that time, please sign it showing that they have worked for the allotted time. If your child wants to continue, we are happy for them to do so.*

*In addition to this, class homework will also be given out each week on Tuesday. This work is due back on Thursday.*

### ***Class Key Dates***

*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Upper Key Stage Two Mass in Church @ 9:30am*

*Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Class Assembly @ 9:10am*