

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
Spring Term 2018
Year Six
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 for Christmas. I had a restful break and am very much looking forward to helping your children as they embark on the last part of their primary school journey. This letter details what we will be covering in class during the spring term, as well as giving important dates for events which will be taking place. If you have any questions please feel free to come into school to speak with me.

Miss Grant

<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 Monday and a Thursday afternoon. 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 be removed. The Year 5/6 class</i>

	<i>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 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.

The Year 6 children have been allocated a password for SPAG.com to assist with SATs preparation. Please encourage them to access this regularly.

Class Key Dates

Tuesday 23rd January - Upper Key Stage Two Mass in Church 9:30am

Monday 29th January - Year 6 Visit to IMPs @ Horton Hospital, Banbury - 9.30am (group 1 of 2)

Monday 5th February - Year 6 Visit to IMPs @ Horton Hospital, Banbury - 9:30am (group 2 of 2)

Friday 9th February - Y6 Visit to Junior Citizen, Oxford 12:00pm

Saturday 3rd March - Retreat day for children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 17th March - Confirmation Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley 6.00pm

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd March - Parents Evenings

Monday 26th March - Y6 Class Assembly 9am