

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School  
Autumn Term 2018  
Year Five/ Six  
Curriculum Letter



*Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It has been lovely hearing from the children about the different things they have done during the holidays. . I am writing to inform you of the work we will be covering in class over the next two terms, class timetable arrangements and also to let you know the dates and times of some events that will take place this term. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to ask.*

*Kind regards,*

**Mrs Craig**

RE	We will continue to follow "Learning and Growing as People of God" which is the Diocesan scheme. This will begin with the story of creation before moving onto the miracles of Jesus followed by Advent and Christmas.
Literacy	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. Our work in the first six weeks will be based around the book 'Kensuke's kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and will include the children writing balanced arguments, diary extracts, setting and character descriptions and newspaper reports as well as their own adventure stories. After the half term break we will look at poetry and persuasive writing.
Maths	The children in Upper Key Stage 2 will continue to be taught in ability groups for Maths. We will be covering place value, calculation, factors, multiples and primes, fractions and decimals, geometry, statistics as well as measurement.
Science	During this term, children will be learning about mixtures and how to separate them, reversible and irreversible changes and properties of materials before moving on to looking at electricity.
PE	The children will be learning skills involved in the team sports of hockey and football. PE lessons will take place on a Thursday and Friday afternoon for all children in Upper Key Stage 2. Please ensure your child has an appropriate change of clothes for outdoor lessons during the Autumn and winter months. This includes a warm jumper and jogging bottoms when the weather is colder with appropriate outdoor trainers. Long hair should be tied up and jewellery should be removed. Year 5/6

	will be swimming on a Monday afternoon during the Autumn term. Please let me know in writing if your child is unable to take part in a PE or swimming.
Computing	Children will be learning about augmented reality as well as making e-cards using multimedia approaches.
Geography	We will begin by studying the UK, considering the countries and counties which make up the United Kingdom as well as the rivers, coasts and mountain regions within it. Following this we will look at South America and finally Scandinavia comparing and contrasting both human and physical geographical features.
Art	We will be studying drawing techniques.
DT	In DT we will be looking at shelters, deciding what makes an effective shelter and how we can design our own for a specific purpose.
PSHE	During PSHE this term we will be using the SEAL and SCARF schemes of work. The units we will cover are Good to be Me, The importance of rules and becoming independent.
Music	This term, the children will be listening to, and recording, sounds within music as well as composing pieces of music with others.
MFL	In French, students will continue to increase speaking skills through the use of songs, rhymes, vocabulary as well as conversation.

### Homework Expectations

Students will be given homework weekly in literacy and maths. Children will receive maths on Thursday and literacy on Friday. They are due to be handed in the following Monday. These tasks should not take more than thirty minutes each but children may work for longer if they wish to complete the task.. If your child has not completed their work in that time and you wish them to stop, please sign the work showing that they have worked for the allotted time.

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

To ensure that children get used to doing some form of homework each night, we would ask that your child reads for at least 20 minutes on a Monday night and practices times tables/mental maths on a Wednesday for a similar amount of time. This is not formal homework but does prepare the children for nightly homework at secondary school.

### Class Key Dates

12th October - Class Assembly for Mrs Craig's Class

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9th October - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting for Parents at JPII Centre 7pm

14th October - Enrolment Mass for children wishing to prepare for Confirmation