

Our learning is planned through four contexts: discrete subjects; interdisciplinary learning; ethos and life of the school and wider achievements.

Literacy and English: Reading, Writing, Talking and Listening

We will be learning to use non-fiction books and websites this term. The reading groups will concentrate on using Read, Write, Inc or Fireflies Non-Fiction books. We will learn about the contents, the glossary, the index, sub-headings and captions. This work will be related to our Topic work.

Later in the term, we will be using Oxford Reading Tree or Read, Write, Inc. books in Reading. We will discuss the stories and complete tasks involving comprehension and prediction. We will be concentrating on learning to read with increasing expression and attention to punctuation.

We will be working on Boost Words and thinking about the use of different types of words.

We will be working on different types of Writing, including poetry and non-fiction. Much of the work will be inspired by our Topics, Health and Wellbeing and RE work.

We will learn to assess our own work and that of others using kind comments and helpful suggestions. We will be expected to respond to constructive criticism.

We will be working on common words and word families in Spelling. We will use a variety of approaches, concentrating on active learning. We will be covering words in these spelling families: a-e, u-e, ll, ff, kn, mb, ue, aw, oi, au, ew, ow, ou, igh and y.

We will work on Handwriting, concentrating on joining up our cursive handwriting. We will learn to assess our own work and to respond to helpful suggestions.

We will be working on using interesting starting sentences, good grammar and on the use of adjectives and adverbs to enhance our stories and poems.

There will be regular opportunities to work on listening skills. We will be able to enjoy a selection of poems and stories throughout the week. We will prepare two personal talks, one on an historical person (October) and one on our favourite use of electricity (December).

We will be continuing to learn French, including reading and writing. We will learn useful vocabulary connected to our topics and facts about ourselves, as well as everyday words and phrases.

We will also be continuing to learn Spanish, including counting and naming animals.



Numeracy and Mathematics

We will work on Place Value up to 1000, Rounding Numbers, Addition, Subtraction, Area, Symmetry, Tiling, Grid References and Capacity. There will be regular Maths Challenges in class, Friday 5 challenges on Teams and the children will use Sumdog too.

There will be regular opportunities to work on Mental Maths and Problem Solving.



They will be learning through discussions, games and written tasks as individuals, pairs or in groups.

Interdisciplinary Learning

The first topic will be the Romans. The second topic will be Electricity.

Some of the areas of knowledge and understanding that the children will be covering will be:

- Timelines;
- Comparing modern life with ancient life;
- Clothes;
- Communication;
- Language and Number;
- * Circuits;
- * Safety;
- * Environmental Concerns;
- * Evidence.

Health and Wellbeing

The areas of knowledge and understanding that the children will be working on include:

- Rights
- Responsibilities
- Internet Safety
- Electrical Safety
- Winter Road Safety
- Using medicine safely



In PE, we will be working on Handball, Racquet Skills and Scottish Country Dancing.

RE

We will have regular opportunities to pray during the School Day. We hope to have Mass on the first Fridays of October, November and December. We hope that Primary 4 will be reading the Readings and Prayers at a Mass later this year. We have been working on putting the School Values into practice and setting up our Class Charter. We will be revising the Our Father. We will be learning about how Jesus wants us to treat other people and why Sunday is a special day. There will be regular opportunities to pray the Rosary in October. We will also be learning about the saints, the Bible and the role of the Pope in the Church. We will prepare for Christmas during December.



Additional Information

Homework

Subject to confirmation, homework will be due on Thursday. The tasks include Reading, Spelling and Maths.

PE

Subject to confirmation, PE will be on Monday and Wednesday.

Ethos and Life of the School

At St Mary's we are very proud of the way we develop our awareness of the world and learn to be responsible citizens. In Primary 4, we will:

- Set others a good example by the way we behave and move through the school;
- Work hard in our chosen committees to improve the experiences of everyone in the School Community;
- Help to raise money for School Funds and our chosen charities;
- Participate fully in School Mass and Assemblies.

Wider Achievements

The children are encouraged to share their out of school achievements with others. We will share information about the children's achievements on the School Achievement Wall.

There will be opportunities to develop through participating in sporting and social activities.



