

Primary 6 Autumn Term

St Mary's RC Primary 2020/21

Our learning is planned for us through 4 contexts: discrete subjects, interdisciplinary learning, ethos and life of the school and wider achievements.

Language - Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing

Reading: This term we will be exploring the Blooms Strategies and using them to enhance our reading practice. We will link this to developing the skills of reading aloud and with expression. We will be studying the Ross MacKenzie novel, *The Nowhere Emporium*, as a class, exploring the language techniques used and creating our own pieces of reflective and thought-provoking work in response. Non-fiction reading will help deepen knowledge and understanding of our IDL topic on the solar system. We will be exploring online book resources.

Listening and Talking: We will be developing our ability to present to a large audience in relation to our assembly which will be sent out remotely to each class this year. We will explore use of eye movement and body language as a way to enhance our presentation skills. We will regularly use audio and video texts to help stimulate debate and discussion and also to support our class novel study. We are challenging ourselves to listen closely to our peers and respond appropriately.

Writing: We will be exploring fiction texts this term and will focus on our descriptions of characters, settings and plot. We are looking to raise the level of our writing by listening carefully during Word Boost sessions and making good use of the new vocabulary we learn. There will be a focus on ensuring the basic skills for writing are true and accurate with attention given to punctuation, sentence and paragraph structure and sentence openers.

Numeracy and Mathematics

Mental Maths: focus on speedy and accurate recall of 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables. Counting on and back through 1000, 10 000 and 100 000 number sequences. Partitioning 2 and 3 digit numbers.

Numeracy: We will revise our knowledge of all 4 number processes, rounding and place value. We will ensure that our knowledge of maths language and vocabulary is sound and secure.

Practical Maths: We will be encouraged to pick and use "bits and bobs" that will assist us with our learning. This could be counters, number lines, 100 squares and use calculators to check our work.

Social Studies

We will look at the solar system this term and study the planets that make it up. We will explore the phases of the moon and their impact here on earth. We will gain knowledge of space travel and become familiar with some famous people and equipment.



Health and Wellbeing

Keeping Safe: We will be looking at dangers we may face online and how to keep ourselves safe. We will look at the wellbeing indicators and relate them to ourselves.

Physical Health: We will use the outdoors as much as possible this term. We will build up our fitness through running and high intensity training activities. There will also be plenty of non-contact team games.

Technologies

We will take part in a mini project about how to use various laptop features safely and effectively to enhance our learning across the curriculum. We will also begin using Glow accounts to support our learning both in school and out of school.

Ethos & Life of the School

This area will look very different this year. All of the usual ways in which we come together as a school community are not possible. But there are still ways in which we can look out for us and contribute to St Mary's. We can:

- Continue to build on the work of the eco committee by saving paper, putting our litter in the bin and helping out in the garden.
- Follow the new rules regarding Covid-19 so that we are keeping ourselves and others safe.
- Uphold the St Mary's values in everything that we do.
- Take part in Mrs Kellock's assemblies on Teams.

Wider Achievements

The class are encouraged to share any of their achievements they gain outside of school as well as having lots of opportunities to learn through other experiences. These might include:

- After school clubs
- Pupil Council Reps
- Personal achievements eg fitness, baking, any new skills learned during lockdown.
- Working with the brass instructor.

