

Primary 7 Term 1

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- our main focus will be to ensure all learners have ample time to recover skills which may be forgotten due to lockdown.

Reading: This term we will be exploring Democracy linked to House Captain elections and reading material linked to informing and persuading the electorate. We are also undertaking a Mock Court Case Project and we will link this to developing the skills of persuasive language and debate. Non-fiction reading will help deepen knowledge and understanding of our IDL topics. We will be developing our skills in identifying facts to support an argument. Our class novel is Holes by Louis Sachar.

Listening and Talking: We will be continuing to develop our confidence when presenting to an audience in the contexts of House Election hustings and for a Court Case presentation. These presentations will be using multi-media. The House Elections will take the form of a Party Political Broadcast and Mock Court in front of a real court and Sheriff and court staff via video link. We will be exploring the skills necessary for debating, persuading and presenting facts.

Writing: Our focus on persuasive writing will involve exploring writing of speeches, adverts, posters and the factual story of an incident linked to the House Captain Elections. We will be describing ourselves in ways which help other pupils get to know us in order to make an informed choice in the school vote. In imaginative writing we will be exploring how to create engaging characters.

Numeracy and Mathematics- our main focus will be to ensure all learners have ample time to recover skills which may be forgotten due to lockdown.

Mental Maths: Our focus will be ensuring all pupils continue the recall of tables 2-9. We will be exploring different strategies to help mental calculation & explain how they work.

Numeracy: exploring place value of numbers (whole and decimal), estimation and rounding of numbers up to 7 digits and how this links to calculations using the 4 operations including fractions and decimals.

Mathematics: geometry focus including measuring/ identifying angles

Social Studies

Our major focus will be exploring aspects of Law through a Mock Court Case Project. We will be preparing to pursue/ defend our cases in court supported by Solicitors. We will also learn about Democracy and the role of the Parliament. This will link to House Captain Elections. Later this term we examine the history of Parliament and take part in National Parliament Week.

Expressive Arts

Drama: Through engagement with the Court Case Project, we will be exploring characterisation, by adopting various roles outlined in the case of a family (Bytes vs SMC Insurance Company).

Music: • Pupils will improvise and compose their own music. Listen to various music genres whilst paying attention to particular details. Understand basic musical notation.

Health & Wellbeing

Focussing on settling back into the new school 'normal' after the lockdown-term. We will explore the new safety routines, our own mental health and wellbeing and how to support each other. Whilst embracing the new school session, we will remain mindful of each other through daily check-in.

Health & Wellbeing

Transition to High School is a major focus for us this school year. We will be taking part in class discussions/ activities where we can explore our feelings about change and support each other with strategies to positively manage our changing relationships.



Ethos & Life of the School

At St Mary's we are very proud of the many ways that we develop awareness of our world and learn to be responsible citizens. We will explore the different ways in which we can make a valuable contribution to our school community.

In P7 we will:

- take responsibility for our new learning environment and encourage younger learners to follow our lead
- have the responsibility of being House Captains
- P7 Responsibilities linked to enhanced Prefect Roles throughout the school
- Take part in the creation and implementation of a P7 Class Charter helping us to gain the best experiences in P7 whilst equipping us with the skills for transition to High School.

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:

- Consistent use of Teams
- Pupil Voice
- Personal Learning Projects
- Monthly Committees
- Personal targets achieved at home

