

Year 2 Autumn Term 1



ST MARY'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

English

In English, we are beginning with a narrative unit of a quest tale. We will learn how to use punctuation for effect and cohesion such as exclamation marks and commas. After which we will move on to writing a set of instructions. In phonics we will be reading and writing words with alternative pronunciations. We will look at spelling rules for words that include the phoneme 'dge' and 'dg' as well as silent letters for gn, wr and kn. In reading we will be developing fluency, retrieval and inference skills using a variety of texts.

History

In History, we will be researching the Great Fire of London. We will sequence the events of the fire and explore why the fire lasted so long, by looking at the structure and composition of the buildings in 1666. Next we will compare this fire to the fire of Gateshead/Newcastle and understand what lessons were learnt.

Science

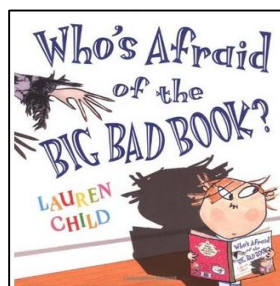
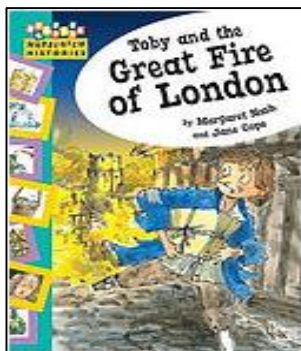
In Science, we will understand how animals and humans change and grow. We will look at animals and their offspring and understand that some offspring go through metamorphosis before they look like their parents. We will observe and perform simple tests to help understand the value of keeping healthy through, exercise, food hygiene and healthy eating.

Music

In Music, we will be looking at the composition Toby Chestnut. We will learn how to improvise with a rhythm, play the melody on a percussion instrument and sing with good diction.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about beginnings, to understand the value of God's world and God's love. We will be learning about belonging and being part of a family. We will understand the importance of becoming part of the church community through baptism.



Maths

To start this year, we will be looking at number, addition and subtraction. The children will be learning about the value of digits for numbers to 100 and represent them in different ways. We will compare the value of numbers and count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10.

We will begin to look at addition and subtraction, securing number facts to 20 and beyond. Then we will begin to add and subtract single digits using known strategies.

DT

In Design Technology we will be designing a moving fire engine. We will build an axle and learn that this is the mechanism we need to make the wheels move. We will be practising our cutting, shaping, joining and finishing skills.

PE

In PE, we will be developing our skills in coordination and accuracy, as well as communication when working as a team. We will be learning how to aim at a target and how to hit a moving target, using a variety of bats. In gymnastics we will be developing our balancing skills. We will be learning how to form shapes using 1,2,3 and 4 points of contact. We will increase flexibility by learning how to do the bridge and teddy rolls.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will start by thinking about our school and class values. We will develop our understanding of how to be resilient and how to encourage others to be the same. We will also look out how to be healthy in our bodies and minds. We will take part in Fairtrade Fortnight and Show Racism the Red Card.