



St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School

Spring Term 2022 Curriculum Newsletter



Year Group:
Reception
Mrs Adams &
Miss Ritchie

Welcome back!

The weather has certainly turned colder and the children have already enjoyed being able to get out into the garden to explore the change in season. We have got lots of exciting things for the children to learn about this term from making maps to finding out about some of the creatures that live in our local environment and how we can care for them.

We will be taking part in the RSPB Big School Bird Watch and we will be going on walks around school and some of our local area to see what geographical features we can find.

Read Write Inc

The children will continue with the Read Write Inc programme, consolidating their letter sounds and beginning to blend them to read words and sentences. They will bring home books based on the learning they have been doing in their session. They may get the same book more than once. This is to ensure they are fluent in reading it.

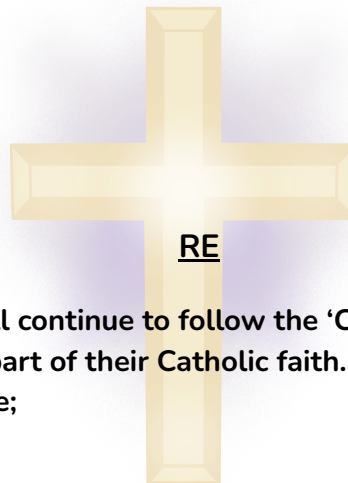
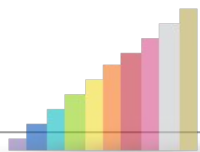
Writing

The children will continue learning to write through our Talk4Writing stories. Our stories this term include The Baby Mouse and Gunny Wolf. The children will also be practising their Literacy skills through simple sentence writing and Fred Talking (our way of sounding out words).

Number

The children will be consolidating and ordering numbers from 0 to 10 and beyond.

Our main focus this term will be simple addition and subtraction with combining groups and beginning to use the correct symbols, using part,/part whole models and ten frames



The children will continue to follow the 'Come and See' programme as part of their Catholic faith. Topics covered this term will include;

Celebrate

We will be looking at how we come together as different communities to celebrate for different reasons e.g. for a birthday or wedding.

Gathering

How our parish family gathers to celebrate Mass and shares in the Eucharist. How we often gather at important events in our lives and how this is reflected when we go to Mass.

Growing

How we plan and look forward to Easter. We look at the new life growing all around us and think about what that means to each of us.

Understanding the World

This term we will be exploring our local area. We will make maps, search for animals that live in our garden and how we can help protect our local environment.



The children will also be looking at new life as we grow seeds as Spring begins to take hold.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term the children will have the opportunity to learn more about colour. We will be adding white to colours to see the tone lighten and mixing primary colours to make secondary colours e.g. red and yellow to make orange..



Physical Development

The children will continue to develop their physical movement to help in their overall development through gymnastics. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit and does not wear earrings, as this is a health and safety issue.

Our PE day is Friday. Children to wear their PE kit on this day please.



Homework

Download the School Jam app and use your code and password to play games based on the work we have been doing in school with the children. Please see your child's teacher if you need the code.

PE Days

Our PE day is a Friday. Please send your child to school in their uniform on this day

SMC school PE uniform is: -

- White t-shirt with blue/black shorts/joggers
 - Blue/black hoodie/sweatshirt
 - Trainers
 - No branded sports wear please

Dates for your Diary:

Unfortunately due to the current situation we are unable to hold any prayer and liturgy or family enrichment sessions in school.

If this changes we will let you know important dates

Reading for Pleasure

Why is it important?

As well as teaching children to read fluently and confidently, we also want to develop a lifelong love for reading. There is strong evidence that links reading for pleasure and educational outcomes but it also has many non-literary benefits:

- Reading for pleasure can increase empathy, improve relationships with others, reduce the symptoms of depression and improve well being throughout life (The Reading Agency, 2015)
- Reading for pleasure has social benefits and can make people feel more connected to the wider community. (The Reading Agency, 2015)
- Students with more positive attitudes towards reading are more likely to read at or above the expected level for their age. (Clark, 2014)

How can we promote reading for pleasure?

- Talk about books regularly - books that you enjoy reading, or did as a child as well as discussing the book your child is reading now.
- Visit book shops.
- Visit the library.
- Bed time stories - even in KS2!
- Give books as gifts.
- Being a reading role model - role models have the power to inspire children to read! If your child sees you (or other people they admire) enjoying a book, magazine or comic, laughing at the characters, hearing you enthuse about the story and valuing books, they will be inspired and more inclined to do the same themselves.

