



St. Margaret's C.E. Primary School
Spring 2023



Dear Parents,

All the staff want your child to feel happy and secure at school. Please email the office or send us a message on WeDuc if you have any concerns at all.

We are including, below, a brief overview for each subject which has been developed in line with the National Curriculum.

Numeracy

- In Numeracy we will be covering the following: counting; reading and writing numbers (including counting in 2's, 5's and 10's); addition and subtraction (using 1-digit and 2-digit numbers); number bonds to 10 and 20; number problems; multiplication and division using concrete objects and arrays; finding half; measuring and comparing length, mass, capacity and time; recognising coins; sequencing events; recognising and naming 2-D and 3-D shapes and describing movement.

Literacy

- We will use Bug Club to ensure they are acquiring all the sounds they need to be confident in both reading and spelling.
- Children will consolidate their ability to write sentences which make sense using a capital letter and full stop. We will also look at using interesting vocabulary and conjunctions to improve and extend sentences.

Science

- Our Science unit this term is 'Using Everyday Materials'. This includes identifying the materials a variety of objects are made of and describing their properties. We will also look at seasonal changes in the school grounds throughout the year.

Computing

- Understanding technology and how it can help us.
- Becoming familiar with the different components of a computer.
- Developing keyboard and mouse skills.
- Learning how to use technology responsibly.
- E-Safety will focus on Internet Safety and Privacy and Security.

We aim to embed ICT into subjects across the whole curriculum.

Design Technology

- Making a healthy snack

Art

- Local Sculptures
 - Angel of the North, The Journey, Durham Cathedral, and the Sanctuary Knocker
 - Anthony Gormley, Fenwick Lawson

History

- Houses and Homes

Geography

- Me and My Locality

P.E.

- Gymnastics

Music

- Keeping the Beat
- Playing and Performing Together
- Using and identifying rhythm and tempo

PSHCE

- Health and Wellbeing
 - keeping safe in everyday life (including road safety)
 - growing from young to old
 - understanding good and not so good feelings

Religious Education

- Why is Jesus special to Christians?
- What is the Easter story?

Individual Reading Records

The children have access to Reading Scheme books and Library books. Your child will now hand their book in on a Monday and a new book will be given to them on a Wednesday. Reading regularly at home helps them to make good progress and we advise trying to read at least 3 times per week. Your child will also take part in whole class guided reading activities at school.

Children will change their library book once per week on a Thursday (Rainbow Class) and a Friday (Green Class). They will also receive books and phonic games online via Bug Club. It is hoped that this will help to consolidate your child's recognition of key vocabulary and skills of blending and segmenting.

Uniform

Would you please try to ensure that your child's uniform (including coats, shoes, wellies, P.E. shoes etc.) is named. If it is clearly named we can return it to the child should they misplace it! We often have many jumpers, cardigans and coats in our 'Lost Property' boxes without names. At the end of each term, these will be either given to the Friends of St. Margaret's for the second hand uniform sale or given to a local charity shop as we do not have the room to hold onto them.

Homework

Your child will have daily reading practice, a weekly spelling list (sent home on a Thursday (Rainbow) / Friday (Green) night) and a piece of Maths homework (sent home on a Friday) each week.

A spelling test will be done each Thursday (Rainbow) or Friday (Green) in school.

We understand that your children have other activities outside the school and may have difficulty completing tasks on a set night. If this is the case please complete the homework when time is available.

School bags

As we provide all stationery in school, we ask that your child only bring in a book bag, P.E. bag, lunch box (if needed) and a coat as **we simply do not have enough space for any large rucksacks!**

Thank you for your co-operation and support. It is much appreciated!

Mrs Curry and Miss Heightley