



St. Margaret's C.E. Primary School
Spring 2024



Dear Parents,

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and to thank you all for the very generous gifts we received for Christmas.

All the staff want your child to feel happy and secure at school. Please email us via the office 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 Year 1 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 or question mark. We will also look at using interesting vocabulary and conjunctions to improve and extend sentences.
- In handwriting we will be encouraging children to form all letters correctly and work on correct orientation to prepare them for cursive writing next year.

Science

Our Science unit this term is 'Using Everyday Materials'. Learning objectives include:

- identifying a range of materials
- looking at a variety of objects and what they are made of
- describing the properties of materials

We will also look at seasonal changes in the school grounds throughout the year.

Computing

- Introduction into programming and animation.
- 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 Klocker
 - Antony Gormley, Fenwick Lawson

History

- Houses and Homes past and present.
- Old and new household objects.

Geography

- What can I find in my corner of the world?
- We will explore our local area of Durham.

P.E.

- Gymnastics

Music

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

PSHE

- Relationships
 - Our feelings
 - Fair and unfair
 - Kind and unkind actions
 - What is a stereotype?

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. Reading regularly at home helps them to make good progress and we advise trying to read at least 3 times per week. Your child's book will not be changed if there is no record in their reading record that they have read the book at home.

Rainbow class books will be changed throughout the week. **Green class** books will be changed on a Friday.

Children will change their library book once per week on a Friday. 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.

Homework

Your child will have reading, a weekly spelling list (sent home on a Friday night with Spelling Shed games to help consolidate spellings) and a piece of Maths homework (sent home on a Friday) each week. Spellings will be tested through dictated sentences on a Friday.

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, water bottle, 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. Hunter and Mrs. Reilly