

English

In English, the children will:

- Secure knowledge of the basic key grammar features in writing.
- Develop editing skills of our writing.
- Begin to up-level vocabulary.
- We will be exploring narratives and diary entries

Writing Skills

The children will learn how to use:

- Expanded noun phrases
 - Parenthesis
 - Direct speech
 - Word classes
- Fronted adverbials

Mathematics

In Maths, the children will cover a range of objectives. Including:

- Place Value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division

We will also have a “geometry day” every week.

Geography

City Life Vs Country Life. This half term we will be exploring the differences between Leeds City Centre and Haworth by using ordnance surveys, compass reading and aerial photographs.



Year 5 and 6's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are grateful to have the children back in our care, ready for exciting learning and new challenges. We hope everyone is safe, healthy and enjoyed spending quality time as families.

Useful websites

All children have log-in details for TT Rockstars and Purple Mash, which are both great resources and should be used weekly to reinforce learning.

Religious Education

This half term, we will be exploring the topic 'Creation and Covenant. In this topic, the children will for example:

- Show understanding of the Christian belief of original sin and links with Genesis
- We will explore Laudato Si
- We will explore the belief that sin damages the relationship with God and others, making links to the second Creation story
- Learning how through Jesus a new covenant is made and the relationship with God is restored linking to the Nicene Creed
- Explore the Christian beliefs around Baptism
- Consider the ways in which their lives and the lives of their community could be transformed through equality of all human beings



Science – Light

The children will:

- recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines
- use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye
- explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes

The children will develop their knowledge of light through exploration of understanding how we see, perception of colours and movement of light.

Reading

Instilling a love of reading early gives each child a head start on expanding their vocabulary, building independence and self-confidence. It helps children learn to make sense not only of the world around them but also understanding of other people, opportunity to build social-emotional skills and of course, imagination.

Reading is the perfect opportunity to have quality time with your child and we are here to help our families and our children on their journey.

In terms of home reading logs, we have attached a resource sheet to support your discussions with the children to enhance their understanding of the text. These have been used for a few years in school and were a key focus point of our parent-reading meetings last academic year. We would encourage questioning whilst the children are reading as it not only helps the child develop their understanding but it will build a greater-shared knowledge between teachers and parents through comments communicated in the reading logs. In addition:

- In Year 5/6, reading logs are expected to be seen at least once a week signed.

Furthermore, as a school, we believe in positive reinforcement and continuously demonstrating to the children that we are proud of their achievements. Therefore, we are continuing the 100 Book Challenge (school reading books).

PE

On your child's PE day, they must arrive to school in a green school-logo t-shirt and black bottoms. They must bring with them a white polo and depending on weather, school tracksuit.

St Andrew's PE is on a Thursday and Friday.

St Bernadette's PE is on a Tuesday and Friday.

St Mary's PE is on a Wednesday and Friday.

Homework

- Read weekly
- Maths homework issued on Friday to be returned the following Wednesday
- Spelling homework issued on Friday to be returned the following Wednesday (this is made up of 5 spelling bee words and 5 words we will learn in class)
- Spelling bee is issued at the start of the half term and will be assessed at the end of the half term
- Children will be assessed weekly on their times tables knowledge through the Times tables Champions. They will bring home an information sheet on strategies on how to learn the times table they are currently learning.

Water bottles

Children are allowed to have water bottles in school, which they can have access to during the school day. Remind your child to bring home weekly for hygiene. Please be reminded we encourage water in these bottles.

French

The unit is called 'Portraits' and children will learn how to describe people in French.

Art

Our unit is called 'Depth, Emotion and movement'. The unit explores how drawing can express emotion, movement and depth.

Teaching Team

St Andrew's Class – Mrs Wraithmell, Mrs Hayes and Mrs Creegan White

St Bernadette's Class – Miss Martin and Mrs Milner

St Mary's Class – Mr Oldfield and Mrs Nicholson