



Curriculum Letter

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Half Term	Spring 1
Teachers	Mrs Marston and Miss Ware

Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

This curriculum letter keeps you informed about what your child will be learning this half term.

If you have any questions about what your child is learning or you would like to look at their work, you are very welcome to come into school and speak to your child's class teacher.

Theme Title	Knights and Knaves
Maths	<p>This half term we will be focussing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Multiplying and learning the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times table.</i> • <i>Learning how to divide by grouping and sharing.</i> • <i>The symbols linked to multiplication and division.</i> • <i>How to use bar charts and tally charts.</i> • <i>Some properties of 2d and 3d shapes.</i>
English	<p>We will be continuing to work in our Read Write Inc groups to help us learn new sounds and spellings and to support us with reading. Through our topic we will be making information books about castles and writing our own traditional stories. We will be learning how to use apostrophes correctly and how to use conjunctions to explain our ideas. We will also be reading and writing in our RE lessons.</p>
Topic Work	<p>This half term, our topic is called 'Knights and Knaves.' We will be learning about the parts of castles and the different lives of the people who live in them. We will visit Skipton Castle and take part in a guided tour to see what really happened in all the different parts of the castle and how it changed over time. We will design and build our own castles from different materials and explore the most suitable materials for a knight to make a tent.</p>
Computing	<p>This half term, we will be using our coding and programming skills to create a set of instructions for our 'Bee-bots' to follow. We will try out different routes for the Bee bot to take and make predictions or changes to a set of instructions we have created.</p>
Religious Education	<p>Our RE topic this half term is 'Buildings across Christianity.' We will explore the importance of having somewhere special to pray and think about God and the purpose and meaning of different objects in our own church. We will also look at other Christian churches around the world and explore the differences and similarities.</p>
PSHE	<p>In PSHE this half term, we will be looking at how it feels when we lose something or someone important to us. We will also be looking at how girls and boys are different and how we've changed since we were a baby. We will also discuss the people who look after us and make up our families.</p>
<p>Oak and Willow will have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school (shorts and pumps/trainers). Please make sure that earrings are removed before school.</p> <p>Spellings will be given out and tested on a Monday.</p> <p>Homework will be given out on Fridays.</p>	
<p>Please turn over to see how you can help your child at home this half term...</p>	

How you can help your child at home this half term...

Maths

Times tables- 2s, 5s and 10s	Learning to tell the time to the nearest hour and half hour.
Number Bonds to 10 and 20 e.g. $5+5=10$ $6+4=10$ $10=7+3$	Answering quick mental addition and subtraction calculations such as $3+1=$, $4+1=$, $5-1=$

English

Read every day! Remember you can also write down things that you read at home such as books or magazines.

During and after reading discuss the text and ask questions about what has happened or will happen starting with:
Who...? What...? Where...? Why...? When...? How...?