



St Mary
Magdalene
Academy

Autumn Term 1 Year 2 Curriculum Letter

Unit of Inquiry

Who we are

Inquiry into the **nature** of the **self**; **beliefs** and **values**; person, physical, **mental**, **social** and **spiritual health**; human **relationships** including **families**, **friends**, **communities** and **cultures**; **rights** and **responsibilities**; what it means to be **human**.



Central idea

Peaceful relationships are created through mutual understanding and respect

Lines of enquiry

What a peaceful relationship is

How the decisions we make can affect our relationships

How different people's perspectives can impact peaceful relationships

Key concepts explored in this unit

Form
Causation
Perspective

English

In Literacy we are focusing on building the skills needed to be a confident, fluent reader through daily phonics sessions and by listening to the children read. Our daily phonics lessons will also build the skills needed for writing. Spelling homework in Year 2 often links to the sound we are practising in phonics; some weeks we will focus on the Year 1 and Year 2 Common Exception Words. During our Literacy lessons, we will also look at stories about family and letter writing.

Religious Education

This term's focus faith is Judaism. Through the question: 'Why are they having a Jewish party?' we will learn about the practices and way of life of Jewish people. We will look to make comparisons with other religions and ourselves. This half term's big question links to our Unit of Inquiry—'How do people of faith show peace?'

Physical Education

In Key Stage 1 the children are given two hours a week specialist sports coaching, which involves a variety of games and activities with the aim of developing their abilities around balance, coordination, reaction, flexibility and ball skills. Our PE lesson will take place on **Mondays**. Children should arrive at school wearing their PE kit every Monday.

Mathematics

This term we will be studying number and place value. The class will also learn to refine their methods for addition and subtraction and begin to look at multiplication and division. We will continue to learn about 2D shapes, focusing on a wider range of 2D shapes and their properties.

Year 2 will progress towards solving mathematical problems connected to all of the above areas.

Homework

Spellings will be given out on Friday and tested on the following Friday. Any words your child has not learnt correctly will be written into their Pupil Planner for you to practise further at home. **Daily reading** is essential to your child making good progress in many areas of their learning. Please record all home reading in your child's school planner.

Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF)

To recall number bonds to 20.

Practise these as often as possible this half term—these facts will support your child's learning and build their fluency.