



St Mary
Magdalene
Academy

Autumn Term 2 Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Unit of Inquiry

Sharing the planet

Inquiry into the **rights** and **responsibilities** in the struggle to share **finite resources** with other people and other living things; **communities** and the **relationship** within and between them; access to **equal opportunities**; **peace** and **conflict resolution**.



Central idea

Changes in our environment affect the world around us in many ways.

Lines of enquiry

- Seasonal changes
- Interaction among humans/ animals and the environment
- Our responsibility towards the environment

Key concepts explored in this unit

Form
Responsibility
Causation

English

In Literacy we are looking at texts with repetition, some of the stories that we will be using are *I Looked Through my Window* by Michela Morgan and *We are Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. Later in the term we will focus on writing instructions with the story of the Gingerbread Man.

We will keep focusing on the continuous use of finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. We will start daily handwriting sessions where we will learn how to form lowercase and capital letters. This is the first step of cursive handwriting.

Mathematics

We will explore number bonds to 10. Right at the beginning of the term we will be looking at halves of a shape or quantity. We will compare, describe and solve practical problems for mass/weight. We will also read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs, as well as add and subtract one-digit numbers. Finally, we will recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes.

This half term's KIRF is:

*I know number bonds for each number to 6.
Practice these as often as possible this half term—these facts will really help in your future maths lessons.*

Religious Education

This term's focus faith is Christianity.

We will look at the Nativity story, focusing on the different characters. We will answer the question: Which character are you?

Our big question is linked to our Unit of Inquiry: How is the weather important in the Bible?

Physical Education

In KS1 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 Tuesdays.

Homework

Spellings will be given out on Fridays as well as small tasks. Also, please remember to return the Spelling Test Book back to school on Mondays.

Daily reading is essential in your child making good progress in their learning. Reading books will be changed daily, please remember to leave a short comment in the school planner.