



St Mary
Magdalene
Academy

Summer Term 1 Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Unit of Inquiry

How the world works

Inquiry into the **natural world** and its **laws**, the **interaction** between the **natural world** (physical and biological) and **human societies**; how **humans** use their understanding of **scientific principles**; the **impact of scientific and technological advances on society** and the **environment**.



Central idea

All living things go through a process of change.

Lines of enquiry

The process of a life cycle.
Development stages of various living things.
How plants grow.

Key concepts explored in this unit

Change
Responsibility
Connection

English

In Literacy we are focusing on building the skills needed for confident reading through daily phonics sessions and by listening to the children reading aloud. We will continue with daily handwriting sessions where we will learn how to form lowercase and capital letters, setting up the basics of cursive handwriting.

This half term we will be focusing on information texts, linking directly to our Unit of Inquiry. We will discuss the purpose of information texts as well as reading and creating some of our own. Emphasis will be placed on ensuring children are writing all sentences with a capital letter and full stop.

Mathematics

Right at the beginning of the term we will be reading and showing o'clock and half past times on a clock face. We will explore halves and doubles of numbers to 10. We will also read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs, as well as add and subtract one-digit numbers. We will count up to 100 in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards. We will also recognise and name 3D shapes.

This half term's KIRF is:

*I know doubles and halves of numbers to 10.
Practice these as often as possible this half term—these facts will really help in your future*

Religious Education

This term's focus faith is Christianity .
Together, we will find the answer to the question: Why did Jesus teach the Lord's Prayer as the way to pray?
Our big question: In different faiths what times in life are important?

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 Thursdays.

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.