

<u>ENGLISH</u> We will begin the term with the non-fiction unit on letter writing. Our model text is an example of an informal letter to an 'agony aunt'. We will explore the purpose and content of the text and focus on the language devices used. We will be challenging ourselves to draft a letter in the same style based on a real or invented 'problem'. We will then explore one of Roald Dahl's famous Revolting Rhymes - 'Little Red Riding Hood and The Wolf'. We will explore how this traditional tale is retold using devices such as humour and rhyme. Our fiction text will be the Welsh legend Bedd Gelert and we will be learning the key features of this type of text. The Talk for Writing structure will be used to assist us when developing our own plots.	<u>PE</u> There will be 2 PE sessions each week, covering 2 topics: Fitness and Athletics. Key skills will include: agility, balance, speed, coordination, strength and stamina. Critical thinking skills, observation and other social/emotional skills will also be learned.	<u>MUSIC</u> Using Ancient Egypt for inspiration, we will be composing a short musical piece. We will find out about different notation and note length. We will combine hieroglyphics and stave notation in our compositions	<u>MATHS</u> We begin with the unit on numbers and place value. After revisiting Roman Numerals, we will work on gaining a deep understanding of numbers up to 1 million! We will then be working on all 4 operations of number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will be solving problems by applying these skills and will also be developing effective checking techniques. We will find out more about the terms factor, multiple, prime number, square number and cube number. Finally, we will complete a unit on fractions and will be exploring fractions in their different forms (equivalent, mixed numbers and improper) before moving onto adding and subtracting fractions.	
<u>SCIENCE</u> <i>'Living things and their habitats'</i> We will begin this topic by exploring how plants reproduce. We will then study the life cycle of mammals in different habitats. This will involve finding out about the scientist Jane Goodall and her discoveries about chimpanzees, as well as the importance of naturalists. Finally, we will compare and contrast the life cycles of different types of living things - amphibians, insects, birds etc.	St Mary's CEP School Term 1 2026-27 Overview ORCAS - CLASS 5 		<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</u> <i>'What does it mean if God is Holy and loving?'</i> We will be exploring what perceptions people have of God and, in particular, the reasons why Christians believe that God is worth worshipping. By exploring cathedrals, we will discover how these places of worship reflect Christian ideas about God. We will study parts of The Bible that tell us more about how God would like us to live our lives. We will study an example of a person who is 'working for God' (Desmond Tutu)	
<u>TOPIC (GEOGRAPHY)</u> This term, we will be investigating what is life like in the Alps. Pupils will locate the Alps via maps and analyse physical and human characteristics of the Alps. Research and description of "Innsbruck" through use of a variety of data collection method to record their findings, as well as sketches/photographs to support their findings will be completed. Finally, they will use fieldwork in the local area to compare and contrast human and physical geography with that of the Alps.	<u>DESIGN/TECHNOLOGY</u> Our DT challenge this term is to design and make a motorised Wobble Bot using simple electrical circuits and motors. Children will investigate how motors work, experiment with different designs, and test how changes affect movement and function. They will then evaluate their finished product, considering how well it meets its intended purpose.	<u>COMPUTING</u> Our work in this area will centre around using search engines. We will be learning how to use the Internet safely and efficiently as a research tool. The end product of this unit will be to produce a clear and accurate information poster. Additionally, online safety lessons will be spread over the 6 terms.	<u>LANGUAGES</u> Our French lessons this term will focus on the theme 'Monster Pets'. Children will use clues to understand new vocabulary, identify nouns by their gender and number, and explore how adjectives agree with nouns in French. They will apply their growing knowledge of vocabulary and grammar to create their own written descriptions of monster pets.	<u>PSHE</u> 'Being me in my World' will form the basis of this term's work. We will be exploring the notions of rights and responsibilities, and how the choices we make are important and can impact others. We will also learn about democracy and how it works both in the school and in wider society.