

Curriculum at St Mary's Horsforth Catholic Voluntary Academy



Curriculum Drivers

As a result of the children being taught the St Mary's Horsforth curriculum, our children will be:

- Curious
- Excited
- Ambitious
- Knowledgeable
- Respectful
- Proactive
- Resilient
- Independent



Knowledge

The curriculum is knowledge rich.

Knowledge is prioritised so that children can gain a deeper understanding of topics.

Units are designed so that there are clear expectations for what the children will know at the end of the unit.

Staff have a depth of knowledge in their subject area.



Making Progress

The sequence of learning is carefully considered so that skills and knowledge are built on year on year, in all subjects.

Knowledge organisers identify clear entry and exit points so progress in learning is clear.

Teachers make a conscious effort to link prior learning and to build on existing understanding.



Enrichment

Children explore the curriculum in fun and exciting ways.

Purposeful links are made between the curriculum, our local area, diversity and inspirational people.

There is awe and wonder in the classroom but it is the substance of the subject that is awesome and wondrous.



Text focused

Reading is a priority at St Mary's.

In all subjects, children have opportunities to read and on our knowledge organisers, recommended books are identified.

The teacher reads regularly to the children making links to topics where appropriate.



Support for all

All children receive quality first teaching where their needs are met through small step instruction.

Effective modelling of examples reduces the chance of misconceptions.

Scaffolding and differentiation provides all children with the structure to attain highly and build confidence.



Retrieval practice

Children take part in regular retrieval activities to strengthen their working memory.

Learning progresses throughout the school so that learning can be retrieved and applied.

Remembering information and knowledge are celebrated and is part of the St Mary's culture.



High expectations

The rich and inspirational curriculum we provide enables all our children to develop and embrace their God given gifts, talents and skills.

Children use their excellent grasp of English and maths to access the skills and knowledge required to achieve high standards in all subjects.

Children's work and achievement throughout the curriculum is celebrated.