

Our vision is to *inspire* and *grow* a
compassionate community of excellence.

A happy place for our children to shine for God,
for each other, and for themselves.

Autumn 2019

'Journey into the unknown'

Welcome to St Mary's! We've got a fantastic year planned, crammed full of rich learning opportunities. Upon our return to school in September, the whole school will be travelling into space in order to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first man to walk on the moon.

'Conflict and resolution'

Children will be learning about how countries or individuals have faced threat, invasion or persecution, and the actions they took in response to this. Questions such as 'Is war a necessary evil?', 'Do countries have a right to invade?' and 'Is everybody equal?' will be explored at an age-appropriate level. Children will be encouraged to reflect upon how they personally resolve conflict in their everyday lives and search for ways to manage this.

'A time to give'

On the lead up to the festive period, we will take the time to think about the true meaning of the Christian Christmas and think about those less fortunate than ourselves. We will consider questions such as 'Is it better to give or receive?', 'Has Christmas become too commercialised?', and 'What was Christmas like in a different period of time?'

Spring 2020

'Save our planet'

During the spring term we will be looking at different global issues concerning our planet, in particular focusing on our role as responsible citizens to save it. Deforestation, recycling and waste, species extinction and renewable energy will be a few topics that we will explore in greater depth. We will consider questions such as 'Were motor cars a great invention?', 'Should we ban plastic?' and 'Is recycling worth the effort?'

Summer 2020

'Believing is achieving'

In the summer term, we will be encouraging the children take a journey of self-discovery. We will reinforce the message that they can be successful with the right attitude, determination and self-belief.

To compliment this, we will take the opportunity to celebrate the Olympic Games 2020 and consider questions such as 'Are you born great or do you become great?', 'Can you achieve without self-belief?', 'What does determination and commitment look like?'