

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

CCGL – UK / Nigeria partnership

# *The Curriculum at St Mary's*

- At St. Mary's, we are a Catholic school, with Christ at the heart of everything we do. We believe that every child is a gift from God, created in his own image and likeness. Our Mission Statement drives us to strive that every child reaches their full potential.



# The Curriculum at St Mary's

- At St Mary's we teach a wide range of subjects including English, Mathematics, Science, ICT, RE, Art, PE, DT, Music, History, Geography, French and PSHE. We try to make learning exciting and memorable.



# *Residential Visits*

- At St Mary's, we believe that residential visits play a vital role in the academic, personal, spiritual and social development of every child. We have a number of different over night trips in Key Stage 2.



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# A day in Reception.

Our school day begins at 8.30 am.

The children arrive - hang up their bags and coats, choose their dinner choice and sit down with a book.

The bell goes at 8.40 and we take the register.

We begin the day with a class worship and prayer.

There will be an input for English or Maths followed by adult led group activities and self choosing activities in our indoor and outdoor classroom.

At 10.15 am we have a play time and fruit snack.

At 10.30 am we have our second input either English or Maths followed by activities just like the first input.

At 11.15 am we have phonic when we learn new letter sounds and words.

Lunch is 11.40 - 12.45 We have a lunch time prayer before we go to the hall.

At 12.45 we take the afternoon register and do the ANGELUS (our Hail Mary)

In the afternoon we cover the other areas such as 'understanding the world, Religious Education, French, Expressive art and design.

We have a playtime 13.45 - 14.00

The last session is Story time then home time is 14.50

Some days we have Physical Education sessions (PE) and assemblies in the hall.

# **Our International school links**

**In Year 3 we are lucky enough to be in touch with a school in Brazil - Colégio Santa Úrsula.**

**We have been learning about Santa Úrsula through emails from the children in third grade and also from their teacher, Mrs. Izippato.**

**St. Ursula school is a Brazilian catholic of 2,000 students, from nursery (babies aged 4 months) to high school (teenagers aged 18). They follow the Maria Montessori's methodology of learning and encourage learners to learn at their own pace and we respect their individuality.**

**Their Ursuline mission in the world is supported by the legacy of Angela Merici, in the light of the Gospel. They develop their educational practices aiming at the holistic formation of their pupils, at the service of life.**

**The Ursuline mission links in closely to our own at St Mary's where we also have God at the heart of everything we do.**

**The children in Year 3 have loved finding out about their partnership friends (predominantly what they like to eat and their favorite hobbies) and we can wait for this bond to blossom even more!**

# Our International school links

Please see below some of our exchanges with Santa Úrsula

**C** Colégio Santa Úrsula International  
<international@ursulinebrazil.com>  
Tue 11/9/2021 1:57 PM  
To: Year 3 Online Learning

Hello,  
My name is Carlos and I am 9 years old. I live in Brazil, I like it here because it's beautiful, but I don't like the pollution.  
My favorite hobby is playing soccer.  
I like to eat ice cream but I don't like cats.  
What is your favorite animal?  
What is your name?  
Where do you live?  
What do you like to play?  
Bye-bye  
Carlos

LO: I can write an email response to our Brazilian schools

SMS: I am welcoming

Dear pupils of third grade,

My name is Kitty and I am 7 years old. I am in year 3 of St Mary's catholic primary school in Middlewich cheshire. My favorite color is purple and my favorite animal is a black panther. My favorite subject is english. My favorite food is tuna and haddock fish fingers.

Could you tell me your name and information about yourself?

From Kitty.

**C** Colégio Santa Úrsula International  
<international@ursulinebrazil.com>  
Tue 11/9/2021 1:44 PM  
To: Year 3 Online Learning

Hello,  
My name is Gabriel and I am 9 years old.  
I live in Ribeirão Preto I like it here because is beautiful but I don't like the pollution.  
My favorite hobby is playing Fortnite and Minecraft.  
I like to ride a bike but I don't like to wake up early on Mondays to Fridays.  
What is your name, your age and what do you like in your city and in your school?

Bye bye,  
Gabriel.

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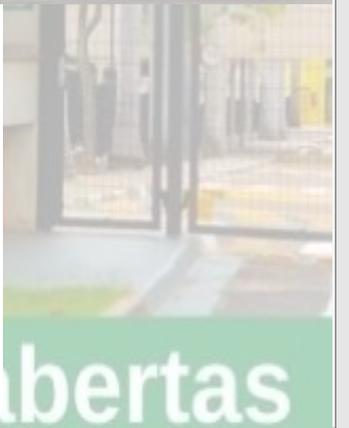
Dear pupils in third grade,

My name is Cathrine and I am 7 years old. I am in year 3 at St Mary's Catholic Primary school in Middlewich cheshire.

- My favorite thing to do at school English ✓
- My favorite thing to eat is pizza

What is your favorite things to do and eat?  
Could you tell me you?

From Cathrine



Year 4

# Year 4

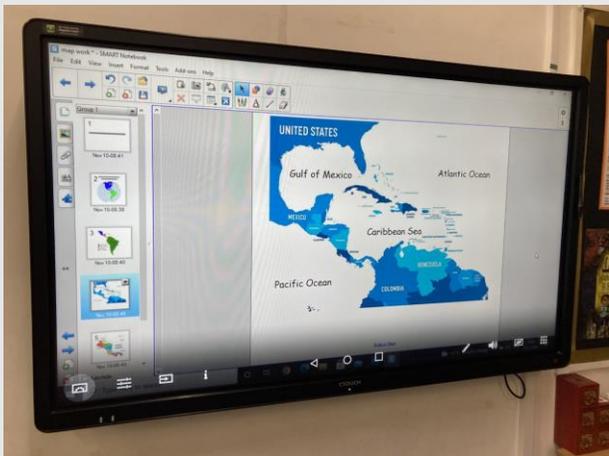
## Scuola Primaria Caterina Cittadini in Bergamo

In Year 4, we have had email exchanges with a school in Italy! We are having very basic conversations in English and are trying to use some of the Italian language too. We have explained about what our schools are like and how our weather is different at this time of the year. We have also sent pictures of pieces of work to each other



Year 5

# Communications Technology in School



We have a bank of iPads and Chromebooks that children can use in classrooms for research and educational games.



We are really lucky to have an ICT suite with enough computers for each child in the class where we go for our Computing lessons.

Each classroom has an Interactive Whiteboard to support teaching and learning across the curriculum. There is a special pen that lets you write directly onto the screen.



During our Computing lessons, we use a programme called Purple Mash. We learn how to code and create computer games as well as using word processors, spreadsheets, databases and emails. We also learn how to stay safe online.





Our school website provides lots of information for children, parents and visitors to the school. Each class has its own class page where teachers can share important information.



We use different websites such as MyMaths, Readwriter, Bug Club, and Times Tables Rockstars to support children with their homework.



We use SIMS to take the register and store important contact information about children.

To be more environmentally friendly, we use ParentPay to send letters and communicate with parents.



During the Covid-19 Lockdowns, we used Microsoft Teams to deliver online lessons to the children. We also use Microsoft Teams for Parents' Evening meetings.



Year 6

# Our School Projects

## Eco Team



*making our school and world green*

### Who we are

- We are the eco team. There are nine of us and our goal is to make a greener school and a better world. The eco team is made up of Year 6 pupils as part of our student leadership within our school.

### What is our purpose?

- **We are here because we believe that every person can help our world and the environment. We must each do what we can and it is through learning about what we can each do to help that we will make a difference.**

### What we have achieved

- We have achieved a lot over the last year but we have just accomplished a no lights day at school last Monday. We brought in torches and lamps instead of using the lights around the school so that everyone learnt about how much electricity we use each day and what we can do to reduce our carbon footprint.
- We have also just installed new bird houses around our school.
- We have also carried out litter picking in our local park. We are trying to help in as many different ways as we can think of.