

## **St. Mary's Catholic Primary School**

### **Curriculum**

Since 2014 school has adopted the Guerrilla Curriculum which is a skills based curriculum model that combines essential core skills and knowledge with the opportunity for children to think and learn creatively. Each term is themed, and contains topics that allow teachers the opportunity to design relevant, engaging and creative learning experiences for their children.

Guerrilla Curriculum offers a broad and balanced approach to primary education. It is designed to meet the requirements of the new primary curriculum whilst also providing opportunities for children to develop the skills they need as 21st century learners.

A Diocesan review by J. Kilner (Ofsted Inspector) in October 2015 stated:  
'St Mary's School provides a high quality, effective learning environment in which pupils and young children are able to confidently and safely explore their learning. An excellent, vibrant curriculum which has been well-planned, is consistently implemented and permeates the whole life of the school. The curriculum reflects the strength of the Catholic Faith and there is strong evidence in the pupils' work and on displays of the high moral purpose which is at the heart of all that the pupils undertake in their learning.... In short, nothing is 'stand-alone' at this school. There is a seamless link between the vibrant curriculum, active learning and high standards all of which are underpinned by a strong moral purpose.'

Term reviews for each class are uploaded to the school website.

The school uses the Read- Write Inc phonics scheme.