



St. George's Cathedral Catholic Primary School
Year 1 Termly Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term – Overview

Maths	In Maths, the children will be learning about: • Place Value – begin to recognise place value in numbers • Number – count, read and write numbers to at least 20 and say a number that comes between two numbers within 20. • Addition – use vocabulary linked to addition; add numbers to 10; and use a number track and number line (to 10 and beyond) to add • Subtraction – use vocabulary linked to subtraction; subtract numbers from 10; and use a number track and number line (to 10 and beyond) to subtract. • Geometry – name common 2d shapes and describe their properties
English	This term, we will be reading: • <i>The Day You Begin</i> by Jacqueline Woodson. This story encourages children to share their experiences and celebrate what makes each person unique. It will support our exploration of friendship and belonging as we begin the new school year. • <i>Cave Baby</i> by Julia Donaldson. This story follows a mischievous cave baby who paints animals on the cave walls. The children will use the story to develop their writing of simple and compound sentences. • <i>I Want My Hat Back</i> by Jon Klassen. This humorous story follows a bear searching for his missing hat. The children will explore the characters' feelings, retell events and use repeated language from the story. • <i>The Naughty Bus</i> by Jan and Jerry Oke. This story follows a mischievous toy bus on an exciting adventure around London. The children will sequence events and create their own sentences inspired by the bus's journey.
Phonics	The children will begin the year by revisiting their learning from Reception before moving on to new Phase 5 sounds. They will learn to recognise sounds within words; blend sounds successfully when reading and segment words when writing. Please support your child's phonics development by reading together regularly and practising their home reading book.
RE	Creation and Covenant – The children will learn about the Creation story from Genesis and reflect on the beauty and wonder of God's world. They will consider how God can be experienced through creation, learn and pray the Our Father, and explore ways to care for our common home through actions such as recycling, saving water and showing gratitude for God's gifts. Prophecy and Promise – The children will explore the Christmas story through the Gospel of Luke, including the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the birth of Jesus and the shepherds' visit. They will learn why Mary is important to Christians, how angels shared God's messages and how Christians celebrate Jesus as God's greatest gift.
Science	Seasonal Changes – The children will learn about the four seasons and observe how the weather, daylight and natural world change throughout the year. Everyday Materials – The children will identify common materials, describe and compare their properties, and investigate why different materials are suitable for different purposes.
Computing	Throughout our Computing lessons the children will become familiar with logging on and off a computer. They will learn to locate the keys on a keyboard and begin to type words and phrases. Technology around us – The children will be learning about and recognising the different types of technology we use in our own lives. Digital Painting – The children will use a computer to create digital artwork. They will explore different painting tools, colours, lines and shapes, and compare digital painting with painting on paper.
Art	Art: Drawings – Make your Mark – Children will be focusing on developing their drawing skills through drawing places in their local area.



	Painting and Mixed Media: Colour Splash – The children will explore colour mixing and develop their control when using paint and brushes. They will experiment with different techniques before creating their own colourful artwork.
DT	Mechanisms: Making a moving storybook – the children will be exploring simple mechanisms like sliders as they learn to plan, create and evaluate their own ideas. Structures: Stable Structures – The children will investigate what makes a structure strong and stable before designing, building and evaluating their own structure.
Geography	Our Local Area – The children will explore our local area, identify local landmarks and begin to create their own map. They will focus on St. George’s Cathedral and the surrounding area. Weather in the UK – The children will explore the countries and capital cities of the UK and learn about their different weather patterns. They will observe and record the weather and use simple compass directions to describe where it comes from.
History	Making History –The children will explore their own personal history, sequence important events and use photographs and memories to understand how they have changed over time. They will learn to use words such as past, present, before and after. Toys Past and Present – The children will compare toys from the past with toys today. They will explore how their materials, appearance and the ways children play with them have changed over time.
PE	Sharing Games – Children will learn how to work as a team to achieve a result. Multi-skills – children will develop a range of skills to improve coordination. They will also develop throwing and catching skills.
PSHE	This term the children will help to create classroom rules in order to keep everyone safe. They will explore feelings, their own and others, and understand how their choices have consequences. Through ‘Life to the Full’ topic the children will explore how God in our lives can help us make the correct choices.

Homework	Reading - The children are expected to read daily 10-15 minutes with an adult. This may include at times having a story read to them and discussing their feelings about the story and characters. It is important that they develop their opinions by discussing what they have read with their view of it. Maths and Phonics – Homework will include weekly activities on Maths and Phonics linked to either a recent, current or upcoming topic. Children are encouraged to write independently on their homework books. Weekly – weekly homework tasks will be set on Wednesday and should be submitted by Monday .
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Dates	PE: Tuesday and Friday Trips: Into Film Cinema: 12 th November 2026
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Activities to do with your child linked to their topic	• Visit Local Area landmarks eg London Eye, Big Ben, Houses of Parliament. • When visiting the local parks identify the different play equipment. Discuss with your child what they enjoy playing with in the park and why they have chosen this. • Talk about what senses we use to complete tasks at home eg eating, cooking, washing etc.
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