



St. George's Cathedral Catholic Primary School
Year 2 Termly Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term – Overview

Maths	This term, we will be studying: • Number and Place Value - We will look at numbers up to 100 and use different resources to manipulate number and help us understand place value • Addition and Subtraction - We will look at adding and subtracting across 10's and solving missing number problems. • Shape - We will look at 2D and 3D shapes and their characteristics
English	This term, we will be reading: • <i>The Great Fire of London</i> by Emma Adams - This is a superb book to teach the history of the Great Fire of London. The richly detailed illustrations and text work effectively together to portray 17th century London and the changes it went through during this turbulent time. • <i>The Bear and The Piano</i> by David Litchfield- A magical tale of a talented bear who discovers fame and fortune through his piano playing skills. This text explores themes such as belonging, exploration and overcoming fears. It can encourage healthy discussions with children around what is important in life. • <i>The Last Stop on Market Street</i> by Matt De La Pena -What happens if we look at the world in a different way? This question is explored sensitively as we ride with CJ and his Nana on their weekly bus journey through the city. From disappointment and dissatisfaction to recognition and gratitude, Nana opens CJ's eyes to the beauty all around him with her thoughtful observations and insights. Centring on the wonders of the local community, the children will be writing from different perspectives. • <i>Hotel Flamingo</i> by Alex Milway – This charming chapter book is about a young girl named Anna who inherits a run-down, empty hotel from her great aunt and works with a staff of animals to restore it to its former glory. The children will develop their inference and retrieval skills.
RE	Branch One: Creation and Covenant – The children will be learning about Creation, the story of Noah and God's promise symbolised by the rainbow. They will explore how Christians care for God's world through stewardship; and will learn about the Sacrament of Baptism and its importance in welcoming people into the Christian family. Branch Two: Prophecy and Promise – During this half term, Year 2 will learn about prophets such as Isaiah and John the Baptist. We will explore key events leading up to the birth of Jesus. We will also reflect on Mary's special role and learn how Christians prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent.
Science	Habitats – The children will be learning about the habitats of different animals and plants, as well as how it is used for food and shelter. We will also learn about how plants produce their own food for energy, and the stages of a food chain. Micro-habitats – The children will name a variety of plants and animals. We will learn how minibeasts live in micro-habitats and will learn about their conditions.
Computing	Information Technology Around Us – Children will look at the role of IT around us, starting with the use of IT at school and then find out how IT is used in shops eg. bar codes and scanners. Children will also learn about how to keep safe online. Digital Photography - will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real.
Art	Drawing: Understanding Tone and Texture – The children will experiment with a range of materials to create marks and tones in their artwork. We will also make links to how artists use tone. Painting and Mixed Media: Life in Colour - We will be developing colour mixing skills. We will study the work of Romare Bearden and will create textured paper using paint.



DT	Mechanisms: Ferris Wheel – Children will explore the mechanisms used in a Ferris Wheel before designing and making their own Ferris Wheel. Cooking and Nutrition: A Balanced Diet – Children will explore the importance of a balanced diet and will create a tasty, balanced wrap.
Geography	Would you prefer to live in hot or cold climate? Introducing children to the basic concept of climate zones and mapping out hot and cold places globally. Looking at features in the North and South Poles and Kenya. Comparing weather and features in the local area. Learning the four compass points. Learning the names and locating the continents of our world. Local Area Week – We will be learning about St George's Circus and the obelisk. We will learn how it has changed over time and why it was originally built. Continents – This year, the children will learn about South America. They will focus on Venezuela, Argentina, Peru and Brazil, where they will learn about the geographical features of the country, historical events and their cultural identity.
History	How was school different in the past? Understanding that although schools have been in the local area for a long time, they have not always been the same; identifying historical similarities and differences; using a range of sources to recognise continuity between children's lives past and present.
PE	Children will have PE on a Monday and Friday. On these days, the children should wear their PE kit to school. Multi-skills – Children will develop a range of skills including hand-eye coordination as well as throwing and catching skills. Gymnastics- Children will learn balancing techniques and improved flexibility
PSHE	We will be using the TenTen Life to the Full Plus programme to look at how each of us are unique. We will then think about some of the differences between boys and girls and about keeping ourselves clean and healthy.

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. Their reading books will be changed every Monday. Maths and English – The children will be given a Maths and SPaG activity in their homework book to complete based on what we have learnt that week. Spellings – The children will be set a list of spellings using Spelling Frames. Their login details will be stuck in their reading records. Weekly – Weekly homework tasks will be set on Wednesday and should be submitted by the following Monday.
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Dates	PE kits – Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on Mondays and Fridays. 17th September 2026 – Year 1 and Year 2 Welcome Meeting 1st October 2026 – KS1 Calculation Workshop 1st October 2026 – Flu Immunisation 19th November 2026 – Reading with your child KS1 14th December 2026 - Nativity
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