



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 1

Advent term 2026

RE

○ Creation and Covenant -

Looking at The Creation Story (Genesis 1:1-4, 24-26) exploring the 'awes and wonders' of the world we live in. To learn The Our Father prayer.

○ Prophecy and Promise -

Learning the timeline of The Annunciation and the Hail Mary prayer. To sequence the events and understand what happened when Jesus was born.

Maths

- Place Value - Looking at numbers and partitioning within 10.
- Addition and Subtraction - Working with various materials for numbers within 10.
- Shape - Looking at basic and 2D shapes and recognising corners and sides.
- Rolling Numbers - To be able to count in 5s and 10s ascending to 100.

English

- Not a Stick - Children are working on labelling pictures and writing captions.
- Orion and the Dark - Looking at a new genre of text and focusing on poetry skills
- Oi Frog - Writing letters from the perspective of a frog.
- Grammar & Punctuation:
Capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, question marks and exclamation marks.

Science

- Seasonal Changes - Looking at the changes across the year and gathering data
- Human Body - To recognise the different parts of the body and their basic functions.
- Materials - Investigating and carrying out experiments with wood, plastic, glass, metal and rock.

Art/DT

- Colour Splash
(Art) - looking at primary and secondary colours through paint mixing.
- Puppets
(DT) - Creating our own puppets with various materials.

History/Geography

- What is it like here? - Taking a look at our school and our town, thinking of improvements we would make.
- How am I making history? - Looking at our families, backgrounds and where we come from. Exploring how special moments in history are celebrated and why we celebrate them.

PE

- Team Building - Working as a team and our sharing skills.
- Ball Skills - Basic throwing and catching skills.
- Gymnastics - Children will be able to build on their flexibility and balance.

PSHE/RSE

- Created and loved by God
- focusing on our relationships with God and how to speak to him. Looking closely at how we are made in his image and likeness.
- Created to love others - children will build on their religious understanding and focus on the story of The Prodigal Son.

Music

- My Musical Heartbeat
- Learning to sing in time and to the beat of nursery rhymes.
Dance, Sing and Play - Looking at how music can tell stories about the past. Working on playing various instruments in time as a class.

Computing

- E-Safety - Staying safe online and always showing kindness.
- The Internet - Looking at how and why we use the internet
- BeeBots - using software to move our BeeBots around a track
- Online Relationships - Looking at appropriate online relationships and how to stay safe (talking to adults and reporting online).

Homework

In Year 1, homework is designed to support the important skills your child is learning in class. The most valuable thing you can do at home is read regularly with your child, and we ask that you read at least three times a week, recording each session in their reading record. Little and often is best, as this builds confidence, fluency, and a love of stories. Children can also practise their phonics at home using the FFT Parent Portal, which matches exactly what we are learning in school and helps them to make faster progress. Each week, your child will also have a short piece of online maths homework set on MyMaths, designed to consolidate their class learning in a fun and interactive way. By completing these simple routines, children gain regular opportunities to practise key skills, develop independence, and strengthen the link between home and school.