

Year 1 – Subject Overview

2026-2027



Autumn 1

Subject	Overview
English	Our texts for this half-term will be Stuck, Prince Cinders, Little Red Hen and Autumn poetry. Our main focus will be listening to, sequencing and retelling familiar stories and writing a character description. We will also be completing book reviews. We will be understanding and using punctuation in our writing, including capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
Maths	In maths, we will begin using the Power Maths resource. In Unit 1 the children will count to 10 and focus on 'one more' and 'one less' before learning how to use a number line to count forwards and backwards. Unit 2 introduces children to the part-whole model, focusing on different ways of partitioning numbers to 10. Children will use the part-whole model to help them write and compare number bonds. They will continue to use these skills in Unit 3, which focuses on addition.
RE	<i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i> Creation and Covenant During this half term, across the school, teachers will be delivering lessons from the 'Creation and Covenant' branch from the new RE curriculum 'Discerning Disciples'. As children move up the school, they will be developing their knowledge, discernment and response to the Creation story. They will also develop their understanding of what is meant by 'covenant' and will explore God's covenant with Noah, Abraham and Moses.
Science	This half-term, we will be investigating animals including humans. This includes focusing on 'All about us' and the human body. The children will learn about basic parts of the body and about their five senses. We will be working scientifically through investigations. Each week, we will focus on a different sense to develop our understanding.
PE	<i>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</i> PE – During this half term our PE focus is gymnastics. The children will be learning about changes in direction, speed and level during a performance, understand how their body changes during exercise and how to plan, perform and repeat sequences of movements.
Art	During this half term our Art topic is Spirals. We will be creating drawings using our wrists, elbows, shoulders and hips; creating a snail drawing using chalk and pastels; making our own sketchbooks and applying our spiral explorations to observational drawings of shells.

History	This half term the children will be focusing on toys past and present. We will be comparing toys from the past to toys we have in the present and creating timelines. The children will learn all about how toys have changed, the materials of toys from the past and also how school days have changed from when their grandparents were at school.
PSHE	In our unit 'Being me in my world.' The children will be learning about feeling safe and special in their class; rights and responsibilities as a member of the class; learning that their views are valued and that they can contribute to a class charter and to recognise the choices they make and understand the consequences. We will also be learning about 'World Mental Health Day.'

Autumn 2



Subject	Overview
English	Our texts for this half term will be Zog, The Disgusting Sandwich, The Polar Express and Remembrance Day texts. The children will be writing a group story, a diary entry, a set of instructions, a letter and a fact-file. They will be learning to identify the features of a fiction and non-fiction text. We will be encouraging the children to be more independent in their writing and also be focusing on punctuation, including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
Maths	In maths we will continue to follow the Power Maths scheme. Our topics over the next half term include number bonds to 10, addition to 10, subtraction to 10 and 2d/3d shape. Throughout the addition topic the children will be adding more, solving addition problems and finding missing numbers. Throughout the subtraction topic the children will be breaking numbers apart, learning about fact families, subtracting on a number line and solving subtraction word problems. Our shape topic will involve naming and recognising 2d and 3d shapes, sorting shapes and making repeating patterns with 2d and 3d shapes.
RE	<i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i> Prophecy and Promise During this half term, across the school, teachers will be delivering lessons from the 'Prophecy and Promise' branch from the new RE curriculum 'Discerning Disciples'. As children move up the school, they will be developing their knowledge, discernment and response to areas of the curriculum including Advent, the expectant waiting for the Messiah, the messages and teachings of the prophets, the fulfilment of God's promise and the Nativity story.
Science	This half-term, we will be investigating materials. This includes naming and sorting different materials, investigating different materials and their properties and performing tests on materials on their uses. We will be learning all about glass, plastic, wood, metal, rock and water.
PE	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term. PE –This half-term, Year 1 will have P.E lessons (dance) on a Tuesday with

	Miss Georgina. They will be demonstrating changes in direction, level and speed and repeating and performing sequences.
Design & Technology	During this half term we will be designing and creating our own playground. The children will be looking at what you find in a playground, how to make structures safe and how to join materials together. The children will then design and make their own playground using a range of materials and joining techniques.
Geography	This half term the children will be focusing on the local area. We will be exploring our local area and thinking about what we like and dislike about it. We will also be contrasting our local area to other areas of the United Kingdom and learning how to use a map and exploring compasses. We will understand the differences between a town, city and village and fingers crossed, we will be able to go on a local area walk, where we will be hunting for certain buildings.
PSHE	Our PSHE topic for this half term is Celebrating Differences. The children will learn to identify similarities and differences between people in their class. The children will be learning about bullying and how being bullied might feel. The children will learn who to talk to if they are feeling unhappy and how to make new friends. We will also be completing some work on Anti-Bullying, World Kindness Day and UK Parliament Week.
RSE	The children will begin their Ten Ten learning with some short story sessions, 'Let the children come.' They will also complete some work based around 'God Loves Us' where they will learn that they are a part of God's family; that saying sorry is important and can mend friendships; Jesus cared for others and had expectations of them and how they should act and that we should love other people in the same way God loves us



Spring 1

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English	The focus books for this term will be Lost and Found, The Storm Whale and A Cloudy Lesson (film focus). Throughout the topic, the children will be focusing on punctuation including capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. The children will also be focusing on writing non-fiction pieces of work such as non-chronological reports and letters and we will be reading, retrieving information and writing. We will be looking at story settings and descriptive poetry. We will link some of our English work to our topic of the polar regions and write facts about polar animals. We will be carrying out daily whole class reading activities and the children will have time on a daily basis to read independently/quietly to themselves.
Maths	We will continue to follow our Power Maths Scheme. The following topics will be covered over this half term: 2d and 3d shapes, numbers to 20, addition and subtraction within 20, numbers to 50, length and height, mass and capacity. We will continue to complete our weekly number bonds tasks.
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	Galilee to Jerusalem During this half term, across the school, teachers will be delivering lessons from the 'Galilee to Jerusalem' branch from the new RE curriculum 'Discerning Disciples'. As children move up the school, they will be developing their knowledge, discernment and response to areas of the curriculum including Jesus's ministry, the parables and miracles of Jesus, his teachings, the concept of discipleship and being a follower of Christ.
Science	This half-term, we will continue to learn about seasonal changes. This will include naming the 4 seasons and learning about how they are different. We will also be looking at different weather and describing the weather associated with the seasons and how the day length varies.
PE	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term. PE – This half term the Year 1 children will be focusing on Health-Related Expectations. The children will be developing their knowledge of how the body functions/changes during exercise and about their ability to exercise at different intensities
Art	During this half term Year 1 will be carrying out some simple printmaking. The children will be using their hands and feet to create prints of patterns, using textured objects to make prints and making a relief print using a plate.
History	This half term the children will be focusing on Reginald Mitchell as a significant local person from the past. We will understand why he was so important to the Potteries, how the Spitfire compares in the past and present (and its significance in World War 2) and will also learn about the Wright Brothers.
PSHE	In the unit 'Celebrating Differences,' the children will learn the different ways that they're different from their friends and understand that these differences make us all special and unique. We will be completing work on Children's Mental Health Week and also Safer Internet Day (online safety).
RSE	We will continue to follow out Ten Ten programme where the children will be learning about special people, treating others well and saying sorry.

Spring 2



Subject	Overview
English	The focus books for this term will be poetry (Witches Brew/Moving Vehicles), Here We Are and The Way Back Home. Throughout the topic, the children will be continuing to develop their punctuation including capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and general handwriting. They will also learn about the use of question marks and exclamation marks. The children will be writing rhyming and descriptive poems and also description and adventure narratives.
Maths	In maths we will continue to work through our Power Maths books. Our topics for this half term include: Addition and subtraction to 20 (adding by counting on within 20, adding ones using number bonds, finding and

	making number bonds to 20, doubles, near doubles, subtraction using number bonds, subtraction by counting back, finding the difference, fact families, missing number problems and word and picture problems); Numbers to 50 (counting to 50, numbers to 50, counting in groups of 10, groups of 10s and 1s, partitioning into 10s and 1s and 1 more/less); Introducing length and height (comparing lengths and heights, measuring length—non-standard units/using a ruler and solving word problems linked to length); Introducing mass and capacity (heavier and lighter, measuring mass, comparing mass, full and empty, measuring capacity, comparing capacity and solving capacity word problems).
RE	<i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i> Desert to Garden During this half term, across the school, teachers will be delivering lessons from the 'Desert to Garden' branch from the new RE curriculum 'Discerning Disciples'. As children move up the school, they will be developing their knowledge, discernment and response to areas of the curriculum including the liturgical season of Lent, Holy Week and the journey of darkness into light during the passion of Christ and into Easter Sunday.
Science	This half-term, we will be learning about animals. This includes identifying and labelling a variety of common animals such as fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, knowing how to care for pets and understanding the diet of animals and if they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. Seasonal changes will also be covered as the children learn and observe changes across the 4 seasons.
PE	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term. PE - This half-term, the children will be focusing on throwing and catching. They will carrying out a series of activities to improve their throwing and catching techniques.
Design and Technology	During this half term Year 1 will be completing a project on 'Healthy Sandwiches.' The children will be learning about what a 'diet' is, will learn how to slice food using a bridge and claw grip and will design and make a healthy sandwich.
Geography	This half term the children will be focusing on hot and cold places. The children will be locating the equator, North and South Pole and learning about the temperatures of places around these areas. The children will be sorting images of features and animals in hot and cold climates.
RSE	We will be using the Ten:Ten programme to deliver RSE lessons. The children will learn about being safe, good and bad secrets, physical contact, harmful substances and the emergency services and how they can help us.
 Summer 1	
Subject	Overview
English	Our texts for this half term will be The Tiny Seed, Paddington at the Palace and Oliver's Vegetables.

	We will be continuing to develop using capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. The children will be learning about explanation and instruction writing, story retells, character descriptions and sense poetry.
Maths	In maths, we will continue to work on our scheme of work Power Maths. The children will be learning about multiplication and division and recapping multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will be looking at doubling and halving, arrays, making equal groups and sharing. The children will also focus on introducing capacity, mass, length, height and also fractions. The children will be halving shapes, objects and quantities and also finding a quarter of a shape, object and different quantities. We will also be looking at position and direction and numbers up to 100.
RE	<i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i> To the Ends of the Earth During this half term, across the school, teachers will be delivering lessons from the 'To the Ends of the Earth' branch from the new RE curriculum 'Discerning Disciples'. As children move up the school, they will be developing their knowledge, discernment and response to areas of the curriculum including the time of Eastertide, the story of Resurrection and Ascension, the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the story of the Apostles and the early Church and Church today - community, role, liturgy structures (mass)
Science	For the rest of this term, we will be learning all about plants and trees. We will be planting our own green beans and monitoring how they grow. We will also be learning about both common and wild flowers and thinking about what plants need to grow and the structure of plants. We will hopefully also be going on a local walk to identify different flowers and plants.
PE	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term. PE -This half-term, the children will have dance sessions with Miss Georgina.
History	This half term the children will be learning all about Kings and Queens.. We will be learning about our monarchy both from the past and in the present focusing on King Charles III and William the Conqueror. The children will learn about family trees and identify similarities and differences between the Kings.
Art	During this half term, Year 1 will be learning all about 'Making Birds.' The children will look carefully at and respond to images and film, create observational drawings of feathers using a variety of medium, manipulate paper to create 3d forms and to make their own 3d sculpture of a bird.
PSHE	In the unit 'Dreams and Goals,' the children will be learning about setting simple goals, working out how to achieve these goals, how to work well with a partner, how to tackle new challenges, how to stretch their learning and how to identify and tackle obstacles which make it more difficult to achieve challenges.
RSE	As we continue with our Ten:Ten units, the children will learn that God is love: Father, Son and Holy Spirit and being made in His image means being called to be loved and to love others.

	The children will also learn to know what a community is, and that God calls us to live in community with one another; A scripture illustrating the importance of living in community as a consequence of this and about Jesus' teaching on neighbours. In the unit, 'The Communities we live in,' the children will learn that they belong to various communities such as home, school, parish, the wider local community, nation and global community; That they should help at home with practical tasks such as keeping their room tidy, helping in the kitchen etc; That we have a duty of care for others and for the world we live in (charity work, recycling etc.) and about what harms and what improves the world in which we live
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Summer 2



Subject	Overview
English	Our focus books for this half term are 'Commotion in the Ocean', 'The day the crayons quit' and 'The Boy Who Sailed the World'. The writing tasks which we complete will include non-fiction writing, poetry (riddles, acrostic, shape, senses), writing letters, diary entries and adventure story writing. We will also be having whole class shared reading sessions where the children will share reading for pleasure. In all our English lessons we will continue to focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will continue to write using capital letters, full stops, adjectives, conjunctions, exclamation marks, question marks and suffixes.
Maths	We will continue with our 'Power Maths' scheme. The children will be completing the units on position and direction, numbers to 100, money and time. We will also be completing daily maths skills where we will continue to build on our number bonds, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and also our times tables.
RE	<i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i> Dialogue and Encounter During this half term, across the school, teachers will be delivering lessons from the 'To the Ends of the Earth' branch from the new RE curriculum 'Discerning Disciples'. This unit gives children across the school to explore how Christians engage with people of different faiths and religions. We encourage a sense of respect and dignity to all.
Science	For the rest of this term, we will continue to learn all about plants and trees. We will be planting our own sunflowers and monitoring how they grow. We will also be learning about both evergreen and deciduous trees. We will also be going on a local walk to identify different trees and plants.
PE	<i>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</i> In PE this half term the children will be learning about athletics. The children will be developing their ability to run at speed and also to develop their knowledge of how they can use their body to maximise performance
Design and Technology	Our D&T topic for this half term is Wheels and Axles. The children will be exploring and evaluating a range of products with wheels and axles,

	distinguishing between fixed and freely moving axles, selecting from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks such as cutting and joining to allow movement and finishing and finishing by designing and making their own vehicle with axles and wheels.
Geography	The children will be learning about the seaside. The focus will be looking at human and physical features, knowing and recognising the main weather symbols, learning the names of the four countries which make up the United Kingdom and naming the three main seas that surround the UK.
PSHE	The children will be focusing on being healthy. This includes understanding how to be healthy and making healthy choices, how to keep clean, understanding about medicines and also how to keep safe when crossing the road.