



## St Michael and St John's RC Primary School Year 1&2 Curriculum Overview Summer 1

**"Following the example of Jesus,  
together we learn, love and respect one  
another to be the best we can be."**

### **English – Classic Fiction – The Highway Rat**

In English this half term, the children will be learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly. Including, capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, questions marks and apostrophes. Our focus text will be The Highway Rat by Julia Donaldson. Children will be writing their own innovated narrative. They will then learn how to write an information text about rats.

**Phonics and spelling** Y1 will continue with Phonics, using and applying lots of new letters and sounds. **(Phase 5)**. Y2 will continue with Red Rose Spelling.

**Maths-** This term, the pupils will be looking at the following areas:

- Fractions
- Money

We will count money (notes and coins) in pence and pounds, compare amounts of money and calculate with money. At the end of the unit, we will have a class shop where the children will learn how to find change when paying for items. The children will recognise half, quarters and thirds. By the end of the unit, they will count fractions up to a whole.

**Science** – In science this half term, we will be learning about weather patterns. We will identify different types of weather and make observations about the change of weather across the four seasons. The children will explore the school grounds to support them when collecting and recording data. The children will record data through investigations by making their own rain gauges and wind streamers.

### **TERMLY TOPIC**

### **Weather Patterns**



**Geography** – We are going to be exploring fieldwork and mapping. The children will walk around the school grounds identifying human and physical features and look at features around school that encourage growth. We will talk to local people who live in the local area to gather data. We will learn about compass points which will then help us to create our own maps of a town using a map key and symbols.

**PE** – In P.E we will be learning striking and fielding. Children will develop the skills of holding a bat in one hand or both. We will focus on cricket. On Tuesday's the children will continue to be taught by Burnley Football Club with a focus on Rugby.

**RE** - In this branch, Our Religious studies will be based around 'To the ends of the Earth'. The children will learn that the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost are special days called holydays. The children will recognise that we share Jesus' mission which is announced at the beginning of Luke's Gospel. We will think about how we can follow the example of Jesus. There will also be a focus on the Glory Be prayer.

**Art** – To be taught next half term.

**Computing** – In Computing we will be focusing on coding. The children will learn about algorithms and how important instructions are. They will use codes to plan and make a computer program using Purple Mash and Scratch Junior.

**Design and Technology** – In DT we will be building structures and exploring how we can make them stronger and more stable. The children will explore, plan and make a playground structure and then be able to evaluate their final pieces.

**PSHE/CST** - In PSHE we will be talking about good and bad secrets. We will focus on the importance of the emergency services and talk about when and why we might need their help. Catholic Social Teaching - We will focus on The Dignity of Work. We will explore how everybody's work is valuable and important for our community. We will talk about our own gifts for the world.

**Music** – The children will learn to count beats within different songs. They will use their performance skills when performing together as a class. They will clap back rhythms and use a xylophone when performing. We will focus on the 'friendship song' Charanga.