



# St Michael and St John's RC Primary School

## Year 3/4 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 - Stories with a theme - Water, water, everywhere

In this unit, we will read and discuss *The Mousehole Cat*, exploring the setting, characters and themes of bravery and community. Children will make predictions, infer characters' thoughts and feelings, and comment on the author's language choices. In writing, pupils will plan and create their own narrative inspired by the story, using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, commas and well-structured paragraphs. They will proofread and edit their work to ensure accurate SPaG.

### Maths

**Time:** Year 3 will read and write the time to the nearest minute and compare durations, and Year 4 will convert units of time and use both the 12- and 24-hour clock.

**Decimals:** Year 3 will recognise tenths and hundredths and link them to simple fractions, and Year 4 will compare, order and calculate with decimals.

**Money:** Year 3 will add and subtract amounts of money and work out change, and Year 4 will solve multi-step money problems, including converting between pounds and pence.

### Science - Materials - States of Matter

We will explore how different materials change when they are heated, cooled or mixed. Children will investigate the changing state of materials such as chocolate and water, and identify reversible and irreversible changes.

### Computing - Being Safe Online, Databases and Animation

Pupils will learn how to stay safe online and protect personal information, explore how databases store and organise data, and create simple animations by designing and sequencing movement.

### PE - Cricket and Athletics

With the sports coach, pupils will learn the key skills and rules of cricket, developing bowling accuracy, batting, and fielding techniques, while improving their coordination, teamwork and tactical decision-making, and with me, they will learning athletics skills.

### Geography - Rivers

We will learn how rivers are formed and explore the journey they take from source to mouth, developing our geographical skills by studying maps, identifying major rivers around the world, and understanding how physical features such as valleys, channels and floodplains shape the landscape.

### DT - Light Boxes

Pupils will design and make their own light-up boxes, exploring how simple circuits work and selecting suitable materials for structure and decoration. They will investigate how LEDs, switches and batteries function, test different designs, and evaluate their finished product against their plan.

### Music - Blackbird

Pupils will learn and perform *Blackbird* by The Beatles, exploring its message about civil rights while developing their musical skills through listening, singing, improvising and simple composition. They will use *Charanga* to build confidence with rhythm, pitch and performance.

### CST - The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Children will learn that everyone's work matters and that workers should be treated fairly, with safe conditions and respect for their skills.

### French - In the Classroom

We will learn key vocabulary for objects and instructions in the classroom, including words for common items and simple phrases.

### PSHE - Personal Relationships

This half term in PSHE, we will learn how to understand our feelings and make positive choices. We will think about how media can show a 'fake reality' and how God's love can help us feel confident. We will also learn to spot unacceptable behaviours and build resilience by practising thankfulness.

### RE - To the Ends of the Earth

Children will learn that the Ascension and Pentecost are special holydays and explore how we share Jesus' mission. They will think about how to follow Jesus' example in daily life and focus on learning the *Glory Be* prayer.