



St Michael and St John's RC Primary School

Year 3/4 Curriculum Overview Autumn 1

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

English – The Seal Surfer

In this unit, we will read and discuss The Seal Surfer, exploring the setting, characters and themes of bravery and environment. 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 prepositions to express time, place and cause (Y3) expanded noun phrases (Y4), fronted adverbials (Y4) and well-structured paragraphs(Y3+4). They will proofread and edit their work to ensure accurate SPaG.

Maths

Place Value

- **Year 3:** Recognise thousands, hundreds, tens and ones and find them on a number line and rounding.
- **Year 4:** Recognise tens of thousands, thousands, hundreds, tens and ones, find them on a number line, flexible partitioning and rounding.

Addition and Subtraction

- **Year 3:** Add and subtracts 100s, 10s and 1s across boundaries and using exchanging.
- **Year 4:** Add and subtracts 100s, 10s and 1s and up to two 4 digit numbers across boundaries and using exchanging.

Science – Being a Scientist, Health and Nutrition

In this unit, children will act as working scientists to explore the human body, food groups, and balanced nutrition. Through hands-on scientific enquiry, pupils will ask testable questions, record data, and investigate.

Computing – Being Safe Online, Email

Pupils will learn how to stay safe online and protect personal information, and will learn how to communicate digitally by composing, formatting, and sending emails, attaching files safely, and organising their inbox.

RE – Creation and Covenant

Pupils will explore the key religious themes of Creation and Covenant, learning about the beauty of the natural world, stewardship, and God's promises and special relationships with people throughout history.

Geography – Compass

Pupils will learn how to navigate using a compass, identifying the cardinal and intercardinal points to orientate maps, follow directional instructions, and develop fundamental fieldwork and spatial awareness skills..

DT – Sensational Smoothies

Pupils will explore healthy eating by designing, preparing, and making their own nutritious smoothies, learning essential kitchen safety skills, measuring techniques, and how different ingredients combine to support a balanced diet.

PSHE – Religious Understanding and Me, My Body, My Health

In PSHE, pupils will explore how personal identity and religious understanding shape our values, while learning essential habits for caring for their health, bodies, and emotional well-being. They will also learn to identify and name key private body parts correctly.

CST – The Dignity of the Human Person

Pupils will explore the concept of human dignity, learning that every person has innate value and worth, while discussing how showing respect, fairness, and empathy builds inclusive communities and protects human rights.

French – La Phonétique

Pupils will learn key French phonics sounds and letter patterns to build accurate pronunciation, develop decoding skills, and speak unfamiliar French words with confidence.

Music – A Shining Performance

In our Shining Performance unit, pupils will learn to play the glockenspiel by reading simple notation, striking notes with accurate rhythm and technique, and performing together as an ensemble.

PE – Swimming, Invasion Games and Gymnastics

In Weeks 1 and 2, children will develop water confidence and essential stroke mechanics in swimming. Across the rest of the unit, pupils will build spatial awareness and tactical teamwork through invasion games, while refining balance, coordination, and sequences in gymnastics.