



St Michael and St John's RC Primary School Year 1&2 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 – Animal Adventure Stories – Lost and Found

In English this half term we are learning about adventure stories. Our focus text will be Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. The children will learn exciting vocabulary and will write their own character descriptions based around a new animal.

Phonics and spelling Y1 will continue with Phonics, using and applying lots of new letters and sounds. **(Phase 4&5)**. Y2 will begin with Red Rose Spelling and have weekly spelling tests.

Science – In science this half term, we will be learning about materials. We will identify everyday materials and describe physical properties by touching different objects. We will perform simple tests to find out which materials would be suitable to make a house from. We will distinguish between an object and the material it is made from. The children will have the opportunity to ask questions about materials and their properties.

PE – In P.E we will be learning gymnastics, the children will demonstrate a sequence using travel and three balances. On Wednesday's the children will continue to be taught by Burnley Football Club with a focus on invasion games. We will also have our swimming lessons this half term.

Computing – In computing we will be focusing on creative computing. This unit gives children the opportunity to develop their mouse, keyboard and basic computing skills using creative tools. We will use creative tools to paint and create jigsaws.

PSHE/CST - In PSHE we will be focusing on how loving each other makes us strong. The children will learn that when we help and love one another with all our strength we can do much more. In Catholic Social Teaching we will talk about how we are different, unique and amazing!

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

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction

We will compare numbers, order numbers and estimate numbers on a number line. We will also find the difference, explore fact families and complete missing number problems. We will learn our number bonds to 10 and 20 and learn doubles and near doubles.

TERMLY TOPIC

Weather



RE - Our Religious studies will be based around Creation and Covenant. We will focus our learning on the creation story. We will talk about and ask questions about our wonderful world and all of God's beautiful creations. We will make links to talk about how creation shows God's love for us. We will recognise that caring for creation means caring for others. We will retell the creation story and use art work to support our story telling.

Geography – We are going to be exploring weather patterns.

The children will learn the names of different clouds and explain what they tell us about the weather. We will investigate why it rains and how we know how fast the wind is blowing and where it is coming from. We will make our own wind streamers and rain gauges to enhance and support our findings. Finally, we will gather our own data on the weather by keeping a weather diary.

Art – Art will be taught next half term.

DT – 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 chair for baby bear and then be able to evaluate their final pieces with a focus on strengths and weaknesses.

Music – The children will learn to move in time with the beat/pulse, responding to different tempos (speeds). They will also Chant, rap and sing using different voices. We will focus on 'Rhyming Time' Charanga.