



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

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

English – Classic Fiction – Tadpole's Promise

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. Children will be creating their own story map to support their understanding of characters, setting and events. They will then write their own narrative and an explanation text to outline the stages in the life cycle of a frog. **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, pupils will be looking at the following areas:

- Length and Height
- Statistics

The children will compare and order lengths and heights. They will learn how to use the four operations with lengths and heights. They will measure length using objects. We will explore tally charts, tables and pictograms, the children will be able to draw their own.

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 most suitable protect an egg from cracking. We will also be celebrating science week with some exciting investigations.

TERMLY TOPIC

The United Kingdom



Geography – We are going to be exploring the four countries that make up the United Kingdom, surrounding seas, capital cities and seasons. The children will focus on the key enquiry question 'How are the four countries in the United Kingdom similar?'. The children will be able to know the difference between a city and a capital city. They will also name and locate the four capital cities of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

PE – In P.E we will be learning athletics. Children will develop the skills of running fast and exploring different ways of throwing equipment. On Tuesday's the children will continue to be taught by Burnley Football Club with a focus on hockey.

Computing – In computing we will be focusing on animated stories. The children will be making their very own e-book based on a traditional tale. They will be able to add different backgrounds by using the copy and paste tool.

PSHE/CST - In PSHE we will be talking about how we can treat others well and say sorry. We will also explore special people and how God loves us at every stage of our lives. Catholic Social Teaching - We will focus on St Francis of Assisi to help us understand how everyone is sharing one globe because we are one family.

RE - In this branch, Our Religious studies will be based around 'desert to garden' during Lent. The children will learn that Lent is an opportunity to start anew. We will visit church to look at the Stations of the Cross and we will also attend Lent Mass. We will write our own Lenten promises with a focus on give, act and pray. The children will also be able to sequence and talk about the events of the last week of Jesus' life.

Design and Technology – To be taught next half term.

Art – In art we will be studying the artist William Powell Frith with a focus on his life at the seaside drawing. The children will explore, plan and make a self portrait and then be able to evaluate their final pieces.

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 also be learning the songs and actions for our spring performance.