



# Our Lady and St Joseph Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2025 - Year 1



Welcome to the Autumn term, we hope you had an enjoyable summer break! Please see below for an outline of this term's curriculum.

	<b>English</b>	We will be reading a variety of books (fiction, non-fiction and poetry) including: 'Here We are', 'Beegu' and 'Man on The Moon'. We will be following our phonics scheme 'Floppy's Phonics', learning new digraphs and helpful words. Please see your child's spelling test sheet to find our focus sounds each week. We will be writing sentences using full stops, capital letters, finger spaces and adjectives as well as joining clauses using 'and'.
	<b>Maths</b>	Our topics are 'Place Value', 'Addition and subtraction' and 'Geometry & shape'. We build children's understanding by using concrete objects, then pictorial representation before finally abstract questions. We will focus on arithmetic calculations as well as reasoning word problems to challenge children.
	<b>R.E/R.S.E.</b>	Our RE topics are 'Creation and Covenant' and 'Prophecy and Promise'. We will be focusing on Laudato Si, the Story of Creation and The Creed. Our RSE topics are 'Religious Understanding' and 'Created to Love Others'.
	<b>Science</b>	Our Science topic is 'Animals including humans'. We will answer our Big Question; 'What kind of animal am I?' using key vocabulary including mammal, herbivore, carnivore and omnivore.
	<b>Geography History</b>	We will be following Twinkl's new Geography scheme 'Geo Wonders' for Autumn 1; our Geography topic is 'Seasons'. Our History topic in Autumn 2 is 'Guys Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot'. We will also be celebrating Black History Month in October.
	<b>Art/D.T.</b>	We will explore the artist Alma Thomas throughout Black History Month. We will focus on drawing and painting techniques. We will also create our personal portraits using different painting techniques.
	<b>P.E.</b>	This term in PE, children will be following the Autumn 1 curriculum from the <i>Beyond the Physical</i> scheme of work. Year 1 will be covering the topic 'Agility Balance Coordination'.
	<b>Music</b>	Children will be expanding their knowledge of the building blocks of music through singing, listening, and playing instruments. They will have opportunities to perform in front of, and lead, their peers. In the second half of the term, we will be learning songs for our Christmas performance.
	<b>Computing</b>	Computing lessons will take place in the Spring and Summer Term.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Home learning to be handed in.</li><li>○ Please bring your Reading Record in.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Library morning with parents (8:45 – 9:00)</li><li>○ Please bring your Reading Record in.</li><li>○ PE. Please come into school in PE kit.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Please bring your Reading Record in.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Home learning given out</li><li>○ New Reading books given out; old ones collected in</li><li>○ Please bring your Reading Record in.</li><li>○ Music with Ms Kari</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Spelling test and new spellings given out.</li><li>○ Please bring your Reading Record in.</li></ul>

Reading Records should be brought in every day, Monday-Friday. Please ensure the Reading Records are signed each week.

Many thanks for your continued support!  
Ms Akdogan