



Our Lady and St Joseph Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025 - Year 2



A warm welcome to Year Two; we hope you had an enjoyable summer break! As we start the new term, we look forward to helping the class build on their successes from Year One. Please see below for an outline of this term's curriculum.

	English	We will be focusing on fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will plan, retell and edit our stories using a range of punctuation and different sentence types. Building children's stamina in writing and improving their ability to check their work are key focuses. We will continue to read with the children and consolidate our knowledge of Phonics and all the Helpful Words (high frequency words) from our phonics scheme 'Floppy's Phonics'. Please ensure children bring their Reading Records in and adults sign or comment to show each book has been read at home.
	Maths	This term we will be working on place value, addition & subtraction and shape. We will begin the year securing our understanding of number and place value. For example, we will recognise there are 7 tens and 5 ones in the number 75. We will use number bonds and count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s to help us add and subtract.
	R.E / R.S.E.	In RE we will be covering the first two branches of the curriculum: 'Creation and Covenant' and 'Prophecy and Promise'. In RSE, we will be using the scheme 'TenTen' to help us explore the topics 'Me, My Body, My Health', 'Emotional Wellbeing' & 'Life cycles'.
	Science	This term, our topic is 'Animals Including Humans'. We will learn the basic needs of animals for survival, we will note that animals have offspring that grow into adults and we'll learn the life cycles of different animals. We will also explore the importance of exercise, hygiene and different types of food.
	History / Geography	In geography, we will cover the topic 'Continents and Oceans' and look closely at the difference between continents. In history, we will be learning about our local heroes, including London's David Attenborough, Suffragette Emily Davison and the sculpture by Veronica Ryan to commemorate the Windrush Generation. We will also be celebrating Black History Month throughout October.
	Art / D.T.	In Art, when painting, we will be revising primary and secondary colours, and moving onto tints, tones and shades. When drawing, we will practice techniques that explore pattern and tone including hatching and cross hatching and doing observational drawings inspired by the artist and sculptor Veronica Ryan. In DT, our topic will be 'Mechanisms': looking at the movement of wheels and axles and making a 3D car
	P.E.	This term in PE, children will be following the Autumn 1 curriculum from the <i>Beyond the Physical</i> scheme of work and will be covering the topic 'Agility, Balance, Coordination'.
	Music	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.
	Computing	Computing lessons will take place in Spring and Summer Term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home Learning due in. - PE. Come into school in PE kit. -Please hand in your old reading books and Reading Record. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New reading books taken home 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home Learning is given out and due back on Monday. - Reading morning 8:45-9:00, parents/carers are invited to read with their child - Music with Ms Kari 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spelling test and new spellings given out.

Please ensure children bring their Reading Records in each day so they can be signed during supported reading. On Monday, reading books should be handed in and new books will be taken home on Tuesday. Please ensure the Reading Records are signed each week. We look forward to working with you this year and appreciate your support at home with your child's learning. For more information throughout the year, please see Class Dojo.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Ms Francis and Ms Scarpini