



Our Lady and St Joseph Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026 - 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.

	English	We will be reading a variety of books (fiction, non-fiction and poetry) including: 'The Secret Sky Garden', 'Beegu', 'Man on The Moon' and 'Oi Frog'. 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'.
	Maths	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 introducing abstract questions. We will focus on arithmetic calculations as well as reasoning word problems to challenge children.
	R.E/R.S.E.	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'.
	Science	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.
	Geography History	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.
	Art/D.T.	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.
	P.E.	Children will begin with invasion games , developing movement, ball skills and teamwork. In the second half term, they will focus on gymnastics , developing balance, coordination and control.
	Music	In music this term, Year 1 will be exploring the building blocks of music, experiment with playing different instruments and doing lots of singing and musical games.
	Computing	Computing lessons will take place in the Spring and Summer Term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Home learning to be handed in. - Please bring your Reading Record in.	- Library morning with parents (8:45 – 9:00) - PE. Please come into school in PE kit.	Old Reading books in	- Home learning and new spellings given out. - Music with Ms Kari	- Spelling test - New Reading books given out.

Reading Records should be brought in on Monday, and reading books need to be returned on Wednesday. Please ensure that the Reading Records are signed each week.

Many thanks for your continued support!
Ms Akdogan

