



Our Lady and St Joseph Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026 - Year 4



Welcome to the Autumn term! It's been lovely seeing the children back in school, and we're excited for the year ahead. Please see below for an outline of this term's curriculum.

	English	This term, the children will explore <i>Christophe's Story</i> by Nicki Cornwell and <i>The Iron Man</i> by Ted Hughes. Across a range of writing genres, the class will continue to strengthen their comprehension, grammar, and punctuation skills. Key areas of focus include the accurate use of capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, and commas, alongside developing their understanding of suffixes and homophones.
	Maths	Our focus topics this term are Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Area, and Multiplication and Division. Alongside these key concepts, pupils will regularly practise mental arithmetic and fluency skills, with a strong emphasis on mastering their times tables.
	R.E/R.S.E.	Topics we will cover this term include: Creation and Covenant and Prophecy and Promise. RSE: Created and Loved by God – Life Cycles. Catholic Social Teaching: Care for Creation and Preferential Option for the Poor.
	Science	We begin the term with our physics topic, 'Electricity', where pupils will explore the practical applications of electrical energy. In the second half of the term, our focus shifts to 'Animals Including Humans', investigating how our bodies process and digest food.
	History/Geography	This term in Geography, we will answer a question: " <i>What are settlements?</i> ", while History covers <i>Roman Britain</i> . We will also mark Black History Month this October.
	Art/D.T.	In DT, the children will design and build light-up robots using simple circuits. In Art, we will explore optical illusions through the work of M.C. Escher and Bridget Riley, followed by a painting unit focused on landscape light and colour.
	P.E.	First half-term covers invasion games (passing, movement, and teamwork tactics). Second half-term focuses on gymnastics, working on balance, control, and sequence building.
	Music	In music this term, children will learn fundamental music theory, explore music across different genres, play various instruments, and enjoy lots of singing.
	Computing	Formal computing modules will take place during the Spring and Summer terms.
	Spanish	Children will continue developing their Spanish language skills by building language skills around describing our hometown, counting in tens and hundreds, and discussing different modes of transport.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Home learning due in - Spellings and times tables sent home	- Children to come into school in their PE kit.		- Reading books changed - Music with Ms. Kari - Spanish with Mr. Cotter - Homework sent home (due back on Monday)	- Spelling, times tables and mental maths test

Reading record books and reading books should be brought to school daily.

We look forward to continuing to work with you this year and supporting your child's learning and development.

Mr. Hitchen