Termly Curriculum Overview

All Saints Catholic Academy Trust

Year 1- Autumn 2026

English

- 'Stanley's Stick', a joyous exploration of all the possibilities in a child's imagination of sticks and their uses! This is the vehicle for writing sentences, checking for finger spaces and full stops and capital letters.
- The story of 'Puffin Peter' allows us to practice retelling a story and writing our own.
- 'Where's my Teddy' is a recount, and 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' will support letter writing.
- Gruffalo Crumble and Other Recipes by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler will aid the children's learning in the art of following, and later writing, instructions.

Science

During the first half term, we will be exploring the grounds and all they offer; plants, trees and insects.
Next half term, we will learn about the four seasons, weather, as well as exploring day length noticing the different day lengths from October to the shortest day, the winter solstice on 22nd December. The children will take turns to bring home our colourful chameleon (soft toy) and noting what time he has to go to bed.

PSHE/ RSE

This term we will be learning about how we are unique and how we can keep our bodies clean and healthy. We will also explore our emotional wellbeing and learn about our feelings. We will then move on to learning how to treat others well and saying sorry and finish the term by reflecting on the question, who is my neighbour?

History, Geography, Art, Design & Technology and Computing

- History this term will focus upon ourselves and our families. We will learn about our own personal history, as well as, what life might have been like for our grandparents.
- In geography: we will focus on our school and its environment.
- In art, we will be learning about Andy Goldsworthy and his work as well as looking at using natural objects to make our own artwork and sculptures.
- In design & technology: We will be looking at houses and building our own dolls house.
- In computing, we will focus grouping data to help us retrieve information. Also, we will reinforce internet safety.

Physical Education

- Our PE units this half term are *Ball Skills* and *Fundamentals* taught by our Sports Coach
- Next half term, will be developing our movement through gymnastics, as well as sending and receiving games.

Music

Our first topic, Menu song, focuses on active listening (movement), beat and echo singing and pitch.
We will then sing as a choir for our Nativity, taking care to use good posture and articulation so everyone hears our words.

Mathematics

This term we will:

- Explore numbers from 0-20 first 0-10, then 0-20.
- Counting forwards and backwards from any number, use ten frames to represent numbers.
- Write numbers using both numerals and words.
- Compare numbers using the terms 'greater than', 'less than' and 'as many as'. Explore which numbers are greatest and smallest
- Order numbers and show 'I more' and 'I less' using concrete materials.
- Operation: Addition and Subtraction: first within 10, and then 20.
- Geometry – Position, first second and third etc. and Directions such as Left and Right.

Religious Education

- Our first topic is called Creation and Covenant. During this topic, the children will hear the story of Creation in Genesis and understand that God has given humans the responsibility to love and care for His creation and each other. The children will explore the letter, Laudato Si', by Pope Francis.
- In our second topic, Prophecy and Promise, pupils will develop an early understanding of the Christian belief that God showed us the full depth of his love by sending Jesus his Son. In Jesus, the invisible God becomes visible, and his love is poured out as the child in the manger at Bethlehem. They will explore the narrative sequence of the story, the importance of Mary's 'Yes' to God and the presence of angels who are God's messengers and point to the divine nature of Christ

Homework

- **Phonics:** Copies of new sounds to be practiced and learnt will be sent home according to their phonics group.
- **Reading:** Daily reading practice. Books are changed on a Monday and new books will be given to the children on a Tuesday. Please sign the home-reading link book.