# Termly Curriculum Overview

## Year 5 & 6 - *Autumn 2025*

All Saints Catholic Academy Trust

## English

- Explanation Unit: How to be a Word Explorer by Lonely Planet - Pupils will build up their own explorer's guide for a location of their choice, using aspects of non-fiction text writing.
- Vocabulary building – poetry. Children will explore similes, metaphors and significant word choices to affect the reader's response
- Mixed Genres - Core text: Tales of Outer Suburbia by Shaun Tan. We will explore recounts, reports and guides within the book, evaluating the suspenseful writing style of the author.
- Cinquain poetry - We will explore 'In Flanders Fields' and respond to cinquain poems.
- Recount/Biography – The class will explore the extraordinary life of important figures through the style of biography writing.

## Science

- Living Things and Habitats: Children will learn how to identify a range of plants and animals, and explore the life cycles of different mammals, amphibians and insects.
- Forces: We will learn about the different forces including air resistance, water resistance, gravity and friction.

## PSHE/ RSE

- Me and My Relationships: we will explore what it takes to be a good friend and how friendly relationships help to support each other's emotional needs. We will begin to recognise the influence that God has on the connections we make in our lives.
- Me, My Body and My Health: Children will recognise the similarities and differences between themselves and their peers. They will learn about the changes that happen to male and female bodies during puberty, as well as how to respect their bodies as gifts from God by looking after them appropriately.

## French

- Au salon de thé (At the Tea Room):The children will be able to perform a short role-play in a French tea room.
- Ma famille (My Family): To make a presentation about a family in both spoken and written form in French.

## History, Geography, Art, Design & Technology and Computing

- History: We will explore the life of Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. We will learn why Vikings invaded and how this affected the life of the Anglo-Saxons.
- Geography: As a class, we will learn which countries are in Europe and compare some Eastern European countries to the U.K. The children will also be developing their map skills.
- Art and Design: Pupils will explore famous sculptures and will use clay to create their own 3D art.
- Design and Technology: Children will complete a food and nutrition unit, which culminates in making their own bread rolls.
- Computing: The children will be learning about different computer systems. They will be exploring search engines and how they work, as well as how to be safe when navigating internet browsers.

## Physical Education

- The children will take part in a range of activities that explore and develop different areas of their health and fitness. They will learn different components of fitness including speed, stamina, strength, co-ordination, balance and agility.
- While Year 5 will be enhancing their swimming stamina and confidence, Year 6 will be choreographing their own dances, exploring formations, timing and dynamics, to convey emotions and storylines.

## Music

- This term, we will be exploring sea shanties and composing our own percussion patterns. We will practise keeping in rhythm and singing expressively in unison.
- Then, we will investigate gospel music, including research into the use of solos and harmonies.

## Mathematics

Year 5 will be learning about:

- Numbers to 1 million
- Whole Numbers: Addition and Subtraction
- Whole Numbers: Division and Multiplication
- Whole Numbers: Word Problems
- Graphs
- Fractions

Year 6 will be learning about:

- Numbers to 10 million
- Four Operations on Whole Numbers
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Measurements
- Word Problems

## Religious Education

- Creation & Covenant: In this unit, we will look into the symbolism behind the Creation story and how it has links to modern scientific theories. The pupils will revisit the sacrament of baptism as a path of forgiveness for original sin. They will then explore how we can protect God's creation.
- Prophecy & Promise: In the second half of the term, the children will explore the early promises made between God and key people in the Old Testament, particularly women of the Bible. Pupils will then look deeply at the infancy narratives, before analysing the role of women in the modern Church.

## Homework

- English: A reading activity is set every Friday and this should be returned the following Friday.
- Spellings: Practising the taught rule, often based on the statutory Year 5/6 words. Weekly tests will take place on a Thursday.
- Maths: A Maths task will be scheduled on 'My Maths' every Friday and this should be submitted by the following Friday.