Termly Curriculum Overview

All Saints Catholic Academy Trust

Year 5 & 6 - Spring 2026

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.
- Mixed genres: The Promise by Nicola Davies & Laura Carlin - Pupils will embed themselves in the simple story of making the world a better place, before exploring different written genres, ending with a written story in the same style as The Promise.
- Poetry: The Listeners by Walter de la Mere - Pupils will explore methods of description and the structure of poetry to produce a piece that has an effect on the reader.
- Mystery & suspense: The Boy In The Tower by Polly Ho-Yen - Pupils will develop their prediction and summarising skills, as well as exploring first person recounts and suspenseful writing styles.

Science

- Earth and Space: This term we are looking at space. We will name the main planets in the solar system and will carry out investigations to understand how we get day and night. We will also learn about the different moon phases.

PSHE/ RSE

- Year 5: Created and Loved by God: The children 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
  Created to Love Others: Children will learn about the call from God to do right, including positive self-talk, respecting the feelings of others and stand up against bullying.
- Year 6: Positive Minds: Children will be exploring many social issues facing young children, including managing their mental health, safe use of social media and body image.
  Created and Loved by God: The children will look deeper into puberty and the changes that they will experience in adult life, including procreation.

French

- My Family: We will be learning to name members of family.
- Weather: Children will be discussing the weather on a map.

History, Geography, Art, Design & Technology and Computing

- History: The children will be finding out about the ancient Maya; what life was like for Mayan people; where and when they lived; and what foods they ate.
- Geography: Our next topic is all about mountains. We will be defining what a mountain is, how it is made and comparing mountains from different countries.
- Art and Design: Collage. The children will explore the work of artist Chris Ofili. They will organise and combine visual and tactile qualities of materials and develop explorations.
- Design and Technology: Structures. The children will be using a variety of tools and materials to built a group structure.
- 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

- Tag Rugby: Pupils will explore the basic rules of tag rugby, developing their ball handling and passing skills.
- Yoga: Pupils will learn poses building balance, flexibility and strength.
- Gaelic Football: Pupils will work with our sports coach to develop their skills and understanding of GAA.
- Outdoor Adventurous Activity: Children will participate in challenges such as orienteering and teamwork games.

Music

- The children will be rehearsing for the Young Voices concert and then further developing their recorder playing skills. They will consolidate the notes B A G C D before learning low E, low D, F# and C#,

Mathematics

Year 5 will be learning about:

- Graphs
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Geometry

Year 6 will be learning about:

- Decimals
- Measurements
- Percentages
- Ratio
- Algebra
- Area and Perimeter

Religious Education

- Galilee to Jerusalem: In this unit, the children will explore the seven main signs of Jesus' ministry in John's Gospel. Pupils will then explore purpose of the seven sacraments as part of a life in Christ
- Desert to Garden: Towards Easter, pupils will look at the rich symbolism of St John's account of the end of Jesus' earthly life. Through the participation in the Stations of the Cross, we will focus on how Jesus showed his love by dying on the cross. The children will be encouraged to notice that John begins and ends Jesus' ministry with the figure of Mary.

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.