

# Year 1 – Subject Overview

## 2024-2025



### Autumn 1

Subject	Overview
<b>English</b>	Our texts for this half-term will be Stuck, Prince Cinders, Little Red Hen and Autumn poetry. Our main focus will be listening to, sequencing and retelling familiar stories. We will be understanding and using punctuation in our writing, including capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Our whole class read text will be Little Red Hen.
<b>Maths</b>	In maths, we will begin using our new Power Maths resource. In Unit 1 the children will count to 10 and focus on 'one more' and 'one less' before learning how to use a number line to count forwards and backwards. Unit 2 introduces children to the part-whole model, focusing on different ways of partitioning numbers to 10. Children will use the part-whole model to help them write and compare number bonds. They will continue to use these skills in Unit 3, which focuses on addition.
<b>RE</b>	<p><i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i></p> <p>In RE this term, we will be exploring the creation story. We will be focusing on putting the creation story in order and then putting the creation story in our own order of importance. We will understand what God created on different days and then focus on how we have a responsibility to live out our lives in the image of God by using our talents.</p> <p>We will also be learning about our class Saint, Saint Zoe of Rome and towards the end of the half term, we will learn about the unit 'Families and Celebrations'. We will understand what it means to belong to, and celebrate as, a family.</p>
<b>Science</b>	This half-term, we will be investigating animals including humans. This includes focusing on 'All about us' and the human body. The children will learn about basic parts of the body and about their five senses. We will be working scientifically through investigations. Each week, we will focus on a different sense to develop our understanding.
<b>PE</b>	<p><i>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</i></p> <p>PE – During this half term the children will be carrying out health related exercises with Mr Sigley. They will be showing an awareness of how the body functions/changes during exercises, repeat and perform sequences of movements and develop their fundamentals of movement (jog, sprint, jump, hop, balance and coordination).</p>
<b>Art</b>	During this half term we will be learning all about how to draw portraits. We will learn about some different artists, such as Vincent Van Gogh and

	Picasso and we will complete a range of different lessons to develop our drawing skills and draw portraits and self-portraits.
<b>Geography</b>	This half term the children will be focusing on the local area. We will be exploring our local area and thinking about what we like and dislike about it. We will also be contrasting our local area to other areas of the United Kingdom and learning how to use a map and exploring compasses. We will understand the differences between a town, city and village and fingers crossed, we will be able to go on a local area walk, where we will be hunting for certain buildings.
<b>PSHE</b>	In our unit 'Being me in my world.' The children will be learning about rights and responsibilities as a member of the class. They will learn that their views are valued and that they can contribute to a class charter. They will learn that and understand that their choices have a consequence.
<b>RSE</b>	The children will begin their Ten Ten learning with some short story sessions, 'Let the children come.'

## Autumn 2



Subject	Overview
<b>English</b>	Our focus for English this half term will be to understand nouns and to write with adjectives. We will be using the books Zog, The Disgusting Sandwich, The Polar Express and Remembrance Day texts. We will be encouraging the children to be more independent in their writing and also be focusing on punctuation, including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
<b>Maths</b>	In maths we will continue to follow our new Power Maths scheme. Our topics over the next half term include number bonds to 10, addition to 10, subtraction to 10 and 2d/3d shape. Throughout the addition topic the children will be adding more, solving addition problems and finding missing numbers. Throughout the subtraction topic the children will be breaking numbers apart, learning about fact families, subtracting on a number line and solving subtraction word problems. Our shape topic will involve naming and recognising 2d and 3d shapes, sorting shapes and making repeating patterns with 2d and 3d shapes.
<b>RE</b>	<p><i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i></p> <p>In RE this term, the children will be exploring <b>prayer</b> and <b>Advent</b>.            In prayer the children will be understanding that prayer is a special way of spending time with God and identify what they want to praise, thank and ask God for in prayer.            In Advent the children will be understanding that Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The children will be doing their own preparation and celebration for the season.</p>
<b>Science</b>	This half-term, we will be investigating materials. This includes naming and sorting different materials, investigating different materials and their properties and performing tests on materials on their uses. We will be learning all about glass, plastic, wood, metal, rock and water.
<b>PE</b>	<p>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</p> <p>PE –This half-term, Year 1 will have P.E lessons (dance) on a Tuesday with</p>

	Miss Georgina. They will be demonstrating changes in direction, level and speed and repeating and performing sequences.
<b>Design &amp; Technology</b>	During this half term we will be designing and creating our own toys to link to our history topic. We will be designing, creating and evaluating puppets and cup and ball toys.
<b>History</b>	This half term the children will be focusing on toys past and present. We will be comparing toys from the past to toys we have in the present and creating timelines. The children will learn all about how toys have changed, the materials of toys from the past and also how school days have changed from when their grandparents were at school.
<b>PSHE</b>	Our PSHE topic for this half term is Celebrating Differences. The children will learn to identify similarities and differences between people in their class. We will also be completing some work on Anti-Bullying during Anti-Bullying Week.
<b>RSE</b>	In RSE the children will be learning about special people in our lives, how to treat others and about saying sorry.



## Spring 1

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Overview</b>
<b>English</b>	<p>The focus books for this term will be Lost and Found, The Storm Whale and A Cloudy Lesson (film focus).</p> <p>Throughout the topic, the children will be focusing on punctuation including capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.</p> <p>The children will also be focusing on writing non-fiction pieces of work such as non-chronological reports and letters and we will be reading, retrieving information and writing. We will link some of our English work to our topic of the polar regions and write facts about polar animals.</p> <p>We will be carrying out daily whole class reading activities and the children will have time on a daily basis to read independently/quietly to themselves.</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>We will continue to follow our Power Maths Scheme. The following topics will be covered over this half term:</p> <p>2d and 3d shapes, numbers to 20, addition and subtraction within 20, numbers to 50, length and height, mass and capacity.</p> <p>We will continue to complete our weekly number bonds tasks.</p>
<b>RE</b>	<p><i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i></p> <p>In RE this term, the children will be exploring Christmas and Jesus: Teacher and Healer,</p> <p>In the Christmas unit the children will understand Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Jesus and the events that happened both before and after and the impact it had on the people involved.</p> <p>In the unit about Jesus, the children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of Jesus and his ministry as a teacher and healer.</p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>This half-term, we will be learning about animals. This includes identifying and labelling a variety of common animals such as fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, knowing how to care for pets and understanding the</p>

	diet of animals and if they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.
<b>PE</b>	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.  PE – This half term the Year 1 children will be focusing on gymnastics. They will be learning about changes in direction, speed and level during a performance, understand how their body changes during exercise and how to plan, perform and repeat sequences of movements.
<b>Art</b>	During this half term Year 1 will be focusing on polar region art. They will be learning how to create different moods with art using a range of resources. The children will also learn how to create a repeating pattern in art and learning about the artist Andy Warhol.
<b>Geography</b>	This half term the children will be focusing on polar regions. We will be looking at the Arctic and Antarctica and exploring animals that live there and their way of life. We will be discussing, comparing and gathering information about the polar regions. We will then focus on a contrasting part of the world and looking at differences in Africa.
<b>PSHE</b>	In the unit 'Celebrating Differences.' The children will learn how to make new friends and be able to talk about some ways that they are different from their friends.
<b>RSE</b>	As we continue with our Ten:Ten units, the children will learn that God is love: Father, Son and Holy Spirit and being made in His image means being called to be loved and to love others.  The children will also learn to know what a community is, and that God calls us to live in community with one another; A scripture illustrating the importance of living in community as a consequence of this and about Jesus' teaching on neighbours.  In the unit, 'The Communities we live in,' the children will learn that they belong to various communities such as home, school, parish, the wider local community, nation and global community; That they should help at home with practical tasks such as keeping their room tidy, helping in the kitchen etc; That we have a duty of care for others and for the world we live in (charity work, recycling etc.) and about what harms and what improves the world in which we live

## Spring 2



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Overview</b>
<b>English</b>	The focus books for this term will be poetry (Witches Brew/Moving Vehicles), How to catch a star and The way back home.  Throughout the topic, the children will be continuing to develop their punctuation including capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and general handwriting. They will also learn about the use of question marks and exclamation marks.  The genres the children will cover include understanding what they have read through a range of activities, and following and writing instructions. In our SPaG lessons, we will be focusing on the suffixes –s, -es, -er, -ing and –est.
<b>Maths</b>	In maths we will continue to work through our Power Maths books. Our topics for this half term include: Addition and subtraction to 20 (adding by counting on within 20, adding ones using number bonds, finding and

	making number bonds to 20, doubles, near doubles, subtraction using number bonds, subtraction by counting back, finding the difference, fact families, missing number problems and word and picture problems); Numbers to 50 (counting to 50, numbers to 50, counting in groups of 10, groups of 10s and 1s, partitioning into 10s and 1s and 1 more/less); Introducing length and height (comparing lengths and heights, measuring length—non-standard units/using a ruler and solving word problems linked to length); Introducing mass and capacity (heavier and lighter, measuring mass, comparing mass, full and empty, measuring capacity, comparing capacity and solving capacity word problems).
<b>RE</b>	<i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i>  In RE this term, the children will be exploring Lent and Holy Week. In Lent and Holy Week we will understand about how Lent is a time of change and of growing to be more like Jesus, and to gather an understanding of the last days of Jesus' life on Earth and focus on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and the Stations of the Cross.
<b>Science</b>	This half-term, we will be learning about seasonal changes. This will include naming the 4 seasons and learning about how they are different. We will also be looking at different weather and describing the weather associated with the seasons and how the day length varies.
<b>PE</b>	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.  PE - This half-term, the children will be focusing on throwing and catching. They will carrying out a series of activities to improve their throwing and catching techniques.
<b>Design and Technology</b>	During this half term Year 1 will be focusing on designing and creating a product which moves. We will be developing our previous learning of firstly designing the product, then creating it and finally evaluating it. We will be creating both moving pictures and vehicles from a range of materials, testing them and then thinking about how we could improve our inventions.
<b>History</b>	This half term the children will be focusing on Reginald Mitchell as a significant local person from the past. We will understand why he was so important to the Potteries and then compare his work to Amelia Earhart.
<b>PSHE</b>	In the unit 'Dreams and Goals,' the children will be learning about setting simple goals, working out how to achieve these goals, how to work well with a partner, how to tackle new challenges, how to stretch their learning and how to identify and tackle obstacles which make it more difficult to achieve challenges.

## Summer 1



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Overview</b>
<b>English</b>	We will be continuing to develop using capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. The children will be learning the stories Katie

	and the Sunflowers, The Boy who Sailed the World and From Seed to Sunflower. The children will be using their imaginations to write about imaginary worlds and will be starting to do big writes every two weeks where they will be writing their own stories and editing them to improve them. We can't wait to read the stories the children write!
<b>Maths</b>	In maths, we will continue to work on our scheme of work Power Maths. The children will be learning about multiplication and division and recapping multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will be looking at doubling and halving, arrays, making equal groups and sharing. The children will also focus on introducing capacity, mass, length, height and also fractions. The children will be halving shapes, objects and quantities and also finding a quarter of a shape, object and different quantities. We will also be looking at position and direction and numbers up to 100.
<b>RE</b>	<i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i>  In RE this term, the children will be learning all about Easter and Pentecost. In the Easter unit, the children will learn that Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus and know the story of the women finding the empty tomb. They will understand about the symbolism of the Easter candle and know that after the Resurrection, the disciples shared the message and know how they can share the message too. In the unit of Pentecost, the children will know the story of Pentecost and know that the Holy Spirit is God and that the disciples changed after receiving the Holy Spirit. In the unit of 'Sharing Jesus' Life' the children will learn about Jesus' choosing and calling the disciples and how they are an example to us and what it means to be a disciple or follower of Jesus and share in his life. '
<b>Science</b>	For the rest of this term, we will be learning all about plants and trees. We will be planting our own green beans and monitoring how they grow. We will also be learning about both common and wild flowers and thinking about what plants need to grow and the structure of plants. We will hopefully also be going on a local walk to identify different flowers and plants.
<b>PE</b>	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.  PE -This half-term, the children will have dance sessions with Miss Georgina.
<b>History</b>	This half term the children will be learning all about the Royal Family. We will be learning about our monarchy both from the past and in the present focusing on King Charles III and William the Conqueror. The children will learn about family trees and identify similarities and differences between the Kings.
<b>Art</b>	During this half term, Year 1 will be learning all about the artist L. S Lowry. We will think about what we like and dislike about his artwork and then use his work to help us to create our own pieces of art focusing on royal buildings. We will link our art work to our history topic of the royal family and create art made of clay, using paint and also using the laptops.
<b>RSE</b>	We will be using the Ten:Ten programme to deliver RSE lessons. The children will learn about being safe, good and bad secrets, physical contact, harmful

substances and the emergency services and how they can help us.

## Summer 2



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Overview</b>
<b>English</b>	<p>Our focus books for this half term are 'Commotion in the Ocean', 'The day the crayons quit' and 'The Storm Whale'. The writing tasks which we complete will include non-fiction writing, poetry, writing letters and diary entries.</p> <p>We will also be having whole class shared reading sessions where the children will share reading for pleasure.</p> <p>In all our English lessons we will continue to focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will continue to write using capital letters, full stops, adjectives, conjunctions, exclamation marks, question marks and suffixes.</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>We will continue with our 'Power Maths' scheme. The children will be completing the units on position and direction, numbers to 100, money and time. We will also be completing daily maths skills where we will continue to build on our number bonds, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and also our times tables.</p>
<b>RE</b>	<p><i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i></p> <p>In RE this half term, the children will start with the unit of 'Sharing Jesus' Life' and 'Following Jesus Today.' The children will learn about Jesus' choosing and calling the disciples and how they are an example to us and what it means to be a disciple or follower of Jesus and share in his life. We will then finish the half term by learning and understanding what it means to follow Jesus today. The children will develop an understanding of how, as followers of Jesus, we belong to the Church, and the different ways that we can follow Jesus.</p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>For the rest of this term, we will continue to learn all about plants and trees. We will be planting our own sunflowers and monitoring how they grow. We will also be learning about both evergreen and deciduous trees. We will also be going on a local walk to identify different trees and plants.</p>
<b>PE</b>	<p><i>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</i></p> <p>In PE this half term the children will be learning multi-skills with Mr Sigley. They will build on their throwing and catching skills and on their fundamental skills such as sprint, jog, balance, coordination, weight on hands etc.</p>
<b>Design and Technology</b>	<p>Our D&amp;T topic for this half term is seaside snacks. We will be looking at savoury snacks, making bread pinwheels, discussing what we would take on a seaside picnic, making a jelly boat, designing and making a fruit sculpture, making frozen snacks and designing a balanced seaside picnic.</p>
<b>Geography</b>	<p>The children will be learning about the seaside. The focus will be looking at human and physical features, knowing and recognising the main weather symbols, learning the names of the four countries which make up the United Kingdom and naming the three main seas that surround the UK.</p>
<b>PSHE</b>	<p>The children will be focusing on being healthy. This includes understanding how to be healthy and making healthy choices, how to keep</p>

	clean, understanding about medicines and also how to keep safe when crossing the road.
--	--