

St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy Curriculum Overview

St Joseph Class — Advent 1 — Year 1 & Reception

Religious Education

Children will explore how God's creation is a gift to be cared for and celebrated. Through stories, prayer and discussion, they will learn about belonging to a community, understand the meaning of Creation and Covenant

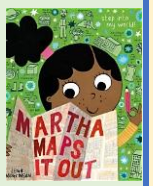
RSHE

Children will explore what it means to belong to a family, class and wider community. They will develop positive relationships, learn how people help and care for one another, and understand how they can contribute to making their local area a happy and safe place.

English



Using high-quality texts linked to homes, maps and communities, children will develop their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. They will retell stories, describe familiar places, write captions and simple sentences, and build vocabulary related to their local area.



We will use Talk for Writing to explore text structure, sentence construction, language, punctuation and grammar.

Maths

Year 1 - Number: Addition and Subtraction to 10
Number: Number and Place Value to 10
The children will use manipulatives to support their learning, such as counters, cubes, tens frames and part whole models

Reception - Getting to Know You
Opportunities for settling in, introducing the areas of provision and getting to know the children. They will learn about key times of the day and class routines. They will match, sort and compare size, mass and capacity.

Science: Seasonal Changes

Children will explore everyday materials and observe seasonal changes during the autumn term. Through hands-on investigations and outdoor learning, they will examine natural and man-made features within their local environment and describe what they observe.

Geography

In Geography children will investigate their school and local area through walks, observations, mapping and fieldwork. They will identify human and physical features, use simple maps and directional language, and begin to understand where they live within their local community and country.



DT

Children will explore structures and buildings found in their local area. They will investigate how homes and other buildings are designed, practise joining and construction techniques, and create their own model structures using a range of materials.



PE



Children will develop fundamental movement skills including balance, coordination, agility and teamwork. Through games and physical challenges, they will build confidence, cooperation and resilience while learning to work safely with others.
All PE Tuesdays, Y1 PE and Reception WOW Wednesdays

Key Dates

- 17th Sept – Meet and Greet Teachers 3.45–5pm
- 24th September – Wear Something Yellow Day – More details to follow
- 24th Sept – Information Evening for Parents 3.45-5pm
- 7th Oct – School Tours for Reception Sept 2027 intake 9.30am and 1.30pm
- 12th Oct – Individual and Sibling Photos
- 19th Oct – Flu Vaccinations
- 20th Oct – School tour for Reception 2027 Intake 4pm
- Last Day of term – Fri 23rd Oct
- First Day back to school – **TUES** 3rd Nov.

Music:

Year 1 - Introducing basic Notation, Walk, move, clap, and play a steady beat. Compose using simplified music notation.
Reception - Develop storylines in our pretend play



Read, Write, Inc (Phonics)

All children in Year 1 will be taught phonics in small ability groups during the first lesson of each day.
Reception will learn the routines of phonics and be introduced to and learn to form Set 1 sounds.
The reading scheme book they bring home matches the colour phonics group that they are learning in. Please read and discuss this book with your child daily. We hope that after reading their book 3 times they are ready to change it for a new one.

Computing: Computing Systems and Networks – Technology around us.



Children will learn how technology can help us explore and understand our local area. They will develop basic digital skills through digital mapping, using simple digital tools, and finding and presenting information about familiar places safely and responsibly.