Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 2 Term 2026

RE

In RE, we will be learning about the RE branch Prophecy to Promise. Within this we will learn about the Christmas story and how it shows God's great love for us through the gift of Jesus. We will explore the Bible as a special book, learning its importance and the stories it shares. The children will also be introduced to the Annunciation, sequencing key events and discovering how the angel Gabriel brought God's message to Mary. We will also learn how Mary said "yes" to God.

Key information

Class teacher – Miss Tench

Teaching assistant(s) – Mrs Parker and Mrs Patmore

PE days - Tuesday and Friday

SCIENCE

As Scientists, we will be learning about Animals including Humans. We will focus on the human strand of this topic, which will lead us to learning about the parts of the human body, for example, head, arms, hands, legs and feet. Before we progress to looking at certain parts of our body's closer when discussing our senses.

We will then explore our senses of taste, touch, smell, sight and sound; considering which parts of our bodies support our senses and what they allow us to do.

HRSE

In HRSE, our learning will be focused on the understanding that everyone is unique, special and loved by God. Building on our Autumn 1 Gospel reflections about Jesus welcoming children, we will explore how we are all made and loved by God. We will recognise and celebrate our similarities and differences, recognising that these are what make us special and unique. We will also learn about the importance of personal hygiene and how to look after our bodies by keeping ourselves clean and healthy.

ENGLISH

As readers and writers, we will continue to focus on developing confident and accurate reading and writing skills. In phonics, we will focus on our Phase 4 and 5 sounds, reading these in longer four and five sound words and applying our knowledge when we are writing.
During our English lessons we will be reading the text Old Bear by Jane Hissey. We will continue to focus on our handwriting, including ascenders and descenders, whilst applying our knowledge more independently when writing sentences and text types.

GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY

As Historians, we will be learning about Castles. We will learn about the features of a castle and what they were used for, including towers, battlements, arrow slits and moats. We will then progress this knowledge to considering how castles could defend themselves and how they could be attacked. Before moving on to learning about the people who lived in medieval castles, their roles and what foods they would have eaten. We will then consider the concept of heraldry and create our own shields.

ART/DT

As artists, we will look at the work of artist Paul Klee. We will use his artwork to inspire us to consider how

MATHS

As mathematicians, we will be developing our number skills by exploring counting patterns

PE

As Sportspeople, we are continuing to focus on our fundamental movements and gymnastics skills. We will

shape, lines and colours are used within art to create images. Before learning about the primary and secondary colour wheels and how we can mix colours to create others. We will then progress to combining our knowledge, adding lines, shapes and printing skills to create our own castle image in the style of Paul Klee.	when counting forwards and backwards between 20 and 100. We will be learning to compare quantities using part-whole models to support us, considering how numbers can be composed in different ways. We will also be developing our understanding of the composition of numbers to 5, using concrete materials and resources to support us in recognising, representing and understanding number.	continue to grow in confidence whilst improving our agility, balance and coordination in movement. Within our gymnastics learning, we will develop our knowledge of wide, narrow and curled shapes, alongside rolling and balancing. We will apply this knowledge when travelling, with control and safety.
## MUSIC As musicians, we are extremely excited to get prepared for Christmas, through learning our Nativity songs. We will focus on rhythm, posture and performance skills to ensure our voices sound fantastic for our performance!	## WIDER OPPORTUNITIES ASPIRATIONS, we will look at the job of doctors, opticians, physiotherapists and dentists, linking these to our learning about the human body. OPPORTUNITES, during this half term we will have the opportunity to develop our performance and oracy skills through our participation in the Nativity. COMMUNITY, during this Christmas season will be focusing on the importance of spreading kindness to those around us by making Christmas cards to be given to those less fortunate than us in our community.	## COMPUTING In computing, we will be exploring digital painting and developing our confidence using a laptop trackpad to add shapes and lines. We will be introduced to a range of shape and paint tools; learning how to select and use the most suitable tools to achieve different effects. We will take inspiration from the artist Henri Mattise, to create our own digital paintings, developing our creativity and independence. We will then compare digital artwork to physical artwork, exploring similarities and differences.