



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Half Termly Learning overview: Summer 1

Year: 1

This is a summary of the learning and taking place for the half term beginning: 14.4.26

Not every subject listed is taught every week.

Subject		Learning
English	Reading	Class Text – Traditional animal tales Comprehension – we will read a range of stories and answer questions to develop understanding of the text. 'The Highway Rat' Julia Donaldson, 'Grumpy Cat' Britta Teckentrup, 'Norman the Slug with a Silly Shell' Sue Hendra and 'Amazing Grace' Mary Hoffman.
	Writing	We will focus on story writing. We will use the story of 'How the Tortoise got his Shell' as our inspiration. We will get to know the story by using drama activities, sequencing the story and analysing key phrases and vocabulary. Then the children will innovate the story using what they have learnt and some of their own ideas to create a new version.
Maths		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and division – The children will practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will recognise and add equal groups together. • Fractions – The children will learn to recognise and find a half and a quarter of a shape or quantity. • Position and Direction – The children will learn to describe turns and position, including left and right and forwards and backwards.
Religious Education		<p>The theme for this half term is 'To the ends of the Earth'. Children will learn about the Resurrection and listen and respond to the key texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35) • Promise of the Spirit and the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11) • Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)
Science		In Science we will revisit our topic of plants. The children will remember the key features of plants, labelling and naming the parts of a plant. Then they will think about the differences between wild and common garden plants. Finally, the children will focus on trees considering the differences between broad-leaved deciduous trees and the needle like leaves of an evergreen tree.
Geography		Our Geography topic is 'Fieldwork & mapping'. Children will look at the features of maps and draw some of their own. They will respond to the following questions: What is a map? How do I make a real map? How do I make an imaginary map? How do you show what a place is like?
PSHE		This is covered throughout the half term in our class reflection on Thursdays and through other curriculum areas.
Art		In art the children will work on paper-based 3D art forms, focusing on techniques like rolling paper tubes, shaping paper strips, and constructing imaginative sculptures.
Computing		In computing the children will be creating a talking book. We will base this on the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The children will use recording equipment to record sounds and their voices, reading the story clearly and with expression.
PE		We will be focusing on gymnastics again this half-term with the theme of weather. Children will learn how to move in a controlled manner at different speeds and directions. We will also be doing athletics outside with a focus on running, jumping and throwing.

Music

We will listen to Anna Meredith's Nautilus a futuristic sounding piece of music with a heavy beat and rising pitch patterns. The children will develop their feeling and understanding of pitch, beat, and duration. They will listen actively and interpret its gestures through dance and by drawing to the music.