

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Half Termly Learning Overview: Summer 2026

Year: 2

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

Not every subject listed is taught every week.

Subject		Learning
English	Reading	Reading Comprehension – children will look through a variety of different texts such as poems, short stories, articles and letters. They will recalling facts from the text – who is the main character?, predicting – what might happen next? Discuss word meanings – what does this word mean?, drawing conclusions from what they have read – why did they do that do you think? Class reader – <u>Harv the Poisonous Centipede</u> by Lynne Reid Banks
	Writing	Instructions- How to plant a seed. Narrative – The Magic paint brush, teaching through the Pie Corbett Talk for writing – imitating (learning the text), innovating (Changing the text together) and invention (individually changing the text). Grammar suffixes and plurals.
Maths		Fractions – identifying equal and unequal parts. Recognising and finding a half, quarter, third and three-quarters. Recognising that $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$ are the same.
Religious Education		To understand that Jesus rose from the dead and spent time on earth with his disciples. To understand the importance of Ascension Day and Pentecost. To celebrate Mary in the month of May.
Science		Our topic will be Plants – How do seeds germinate?, what happens when a bulb sprouts?, what do plants needs to stay healthy?, what happens if they don't get these things?
History		Our focus this half term will be Geography
Geography		Field and map skills – How to interpret a map.
PSHE		We will be celebrating what makes us unique, British values, Mary in the month of May, Ascension Day, World Ocean Day.
Art & Design inc Design Technology		Art focus - Sculptures and 3D: Clay houses. Developing their ability to work with clay, children learn how to create simple thumb pots then explore the work of sculptor Rachel Whiteread and apply her ideas in a final piece that uses techniques such as cutting, shaping, joining and impressing into clay.
Computing		We are Detectives: Emailing to solve the mystery.
Music		Swing-a-long with Shostakovich – Exploring patterns and beats. Charlie Chaplin – using film to explore different musical elements – pitch/speed/dynamics.
PE		Dance – Musical Friends – moving and holdig shapes in creative ways. Athletics – Exploring and improving jumping, running and throwing.
French		We are learning the French names of animals through stories, games and songs.