St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Half Termly Learning overview: Autumn 2 **Year: 1**

This is a summary of the learning and taking place for the half term beginning: 2nd November 2026

Not every subject listed is taught every week.

Subject		**Learning**
English	**Reading**	**Class Text** – Traditional Tales
	Writing	We will focus on the story of The Gingerbread Man. The children will learn this story with actions and then innovate the animals on the gingerbread man's journey to change the story. We will also be writing a set of instructions. We will make our own hot chocolate and write a set of instructions to explain how to do it. We will focus on using bossy verbs – Put, Stir, Pour etc. and time connectives – First you must, Next, Then, After, Finally
Maths		We will start the half term finishing our addition and subtraction within 10 unit. Focusing on subtraction on a number line and adding or subtracting 1 or 2. We will then move on to shape, recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes. Towards the end of the half term, we will consolidate all the learning we have covered in maths since September.
Religious Education		In RE we will be learning about **Prophecy and Promise** We will be discussing why Mary was called by God and the message she received. The children will be learning the 'Hail Mary' prayer and the Christmas story. They will learn the order of events from the annunciation to the visit of the shepherds.
Science		We will start by looking at the changes in the seasons – naming the seasons and considering how the weather changes through the year. Our topic will then change to animals, including humans. We will be answering the following questions: What is an animal? What types of animals are there? What is similar and what is different? What does food tell us about an animal? What makes me an animal? What senses do I have?
History		In History, we are looking at changes within living memory. We will be answering the following questions: How have I grown and changed in my life? What is it like around here? What are the shops in my community? What were shops like in the past? How have shops changed? How are shops different today than a long time ago?
PSHE		This is covered throughout the half term in our class reflection on Thursdays and through other curriculum areas
Design Technology		Our focus this half term is on **Fruit and Nutrition.** We will be identifying different fruit and vegetables and where they grow. We will then learn how to prepare fruit to make our own smoothies!
Computing		We are **Treasure Hunters** this half term! We will be using programmable toys Beebots and the app on iPad to follow and make instructions for directions
PE		We will be developing our basic skills in FUNdamentals and multi-sports this half term.
Music		We will be focusing on listening and moving to the beat, in time to our song for this half term - Colonel Hathi's March. We will also be learning songs for our Christmas play.