



OUR CURRICULUM AT HOLY GHOST

A simple guide to what your child will learn

Year Group: 1

Term: Autumn 1

Teacher: Ms Carter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below our curriculum for Autumn 1 term.

ENGLISH

Topic: Look Up!

What we will be learning:

Children will be using Look Up! as a stimulus to consolidate transcription and reading skills, and explore the thematic links to space!

Key knowledge and skills:

- Developing their inference and prediction skills as 'story detectives'
- Consolidating key transcription skills from EYFS including the use of finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.
- Using their sound talking strategies to decode unfamiliar words.
- Revising old tricky words and applying them into new learning.

Please see the Little Wandle Phase 5 list on the school website for the sounds we are teaching this term.

MATHEMATICS

Topic: Place Value, Addition, Subtraction and Shape

What we will be learning:

Building on their foundations in EYFS, the children will be consolidating their understanding of and confidence in counting, place value and number bonds.

Key knowledge and Skills:

- Using a range of manipulatives, the children will be exploring relationships between whole numbers, using mathematical language like greater than, less than and equal to.
- Using mathematical reasoning, fluency and problem solving to develop depth and mastery in place value and number.
- To recognise, describe, draw and compare shapes using related vocabulary.

SCIENCE

Topic: Materials and Seasonal Change

What we will be learning:

Children will learn about different materials including glass, metal, wood, paper, plastic and fabric and their properties. Concurrently, we will be tracing the seasons throughout the year, focussing on the changes we notice in Autumn.

Key knowledge and skills:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Topic: Creation and Covenant

What we will be learning:

Children will explore the Christian belief that everything around us comes from God. We will understand that God is an active Creator who gifted humanity a beautiful world.

Key knowledge and skills:

- Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.
- Compare, group and classify materials through observation of their physical properties.
- Looking more closely at the natural and humanly-constructed world around them
- Being curious and ask questions about what they notice
- Observing changes over a period of time and noticing patterns
- The children will begin to use scientific language to talk about what they have found out and communicate their ideas

- Through song, poem and art, the children will make meaningful connections to the Bible stories of Creation.
- We will learn about the Seven Days of Creation, sequencing the events into a timeline.
- We will learn that humanity is made in God's image, linking this to the Catholic Social Teachings of Human dignity and the Common Good.
- We will also be thinking about how we can be positive stewards of Creation, looking after God's gift, Earth.

HISTORY

Enquiry Question: What has changed within Living Memory?

What we will be learning:

Using 'Grandma's Story' as a stimulus, children will learn about the changes and continuity occurring with the last 70 years through toys, technology, music, dance, school and the home.

Key knowledge and skills:

- Understanding when events happened and putting events in chronological order
- Identifying similarities and differences between periods through objects
- Understanding cause and consequence
- Exploring how people lived in the past
- Using historical sources and evidence
- Asking and answering historical questions

ART & DESIGN

Artist/Topic: Textiles and Puppets

What we will be learning:

Children will learn about how puppets have been used to tell stories through the ages, before designing and making one of their own.

Key knowledge and skills:

- Joining fabrics with pins, staples or glue
- Designing a puppet
- Using a template
- Decorating and evaluating the product
- Recognising and finding out about how puppets have been made and used through history

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Activities: Target and Invasion Games

- Develop balance, coordination and movement
- Improve agility, strength and control
- Learn skills for different sports
- Follow rules and instructions
- Work effectively as part of a team
- Understand healthy and active lifestyles

COMPUTING

Topic: Technology all around us

- Use technology safely and responsibly
- Understand how to protect personal information
- Develop computer and digital literacy
- Create and present digital content
- Develop logical thinking and problem-solving
- Learn about coding and programming

RSE

Topic: Let the Children Come, God Loves You

- Recognise and manage emotions
- Build positive and respectful relationships
- Develop confidence and independence
- Understand how to keep safe
- Make healthy choices

MUSIC

Topic: The Story Orchestra and the Carnival of the Animals

- Listen and respond to different music
- Understand rhythm, pitch and tempo
- Sing individually and as part of a group
- Play instruments where appropriate

- Know when and how to ask for help

- Create and perform simple musical pieces
- Use musical vocabulary

Year 1 Events this Term

Friday 25th September: Whole School Mass

Friday 9th October at 9am: Family Learning Session in *Phonics*

Tuesday 10th November at 9:30am: Year 1 Class Mass

Thursday 26th November 1pm-6pm: Parent Conferences (School will close at 12.50pm)

Friday 4th December (Time TBC): Polka Theatre

How can you help at home?

Regular, short activities at home can make a big difference: read together regularly; practise number facts, phonics and tricky words where appropriate. Talking about school topics, supporting homework and encouraging independence will be hugely appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting and productive term of learning!

Best wishes,
Ms Carter