Walk On Water

# St. Paul's C of E VA Primary and Nursery School

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With God All Things Are possible

# Year 1

**CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

**Autumn Term 1st half 2026**



**Welcome back to a new school year! I am so excited to make memories with your children and show you all the wonderful adventures we go on this year. Please read the information below to find out what we will be learning in class so that you can support your child in their learning. We are very excited about the year ahead!**



## ENGLISH

This half term we will be reading stories with predictable phrases, including 'Penguin' by Polly Dunbar, 'Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type' by Doreen Cronin and some Julia Donaldson books. We will also be writing labels and captions for our class Toy Museum and we will write a recount of what happened to Stickman and an event in Toy Story. When writing we'll concentrate on using finger spaces, full stops, capital letters and forming our letters correctly.

## Reading

Each day we will listen to a fiction or non-fiction class reader. The children will also read and discuss a text matched to their ability in a group three times a week. The children move on to the next reading phase or set based on half termly phonics assessments.
It is equally important for you to read with your child at home. Please listen to your child read their class text and another book that they have chosen 5 times each week. Put a note in the link book each time you have heard them read. Also record when they are ready for a new book of their choice.



## MATHEMATICS

Our main focus in maths this half term will be on numbers within 10. We will be sorting, counting, comparing and ordering numbers, finding more and less, adding and subtracting. We will also be, regrouping numbers and representing them in different ways. Within each unit we will be solving problems using a variety of taught strategies. We will also be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards on a daily basis.



## RE

We will begin by exploring Christianity and the question 'Who is a Christian and what do they believe?' We will think about what Christians believe about God and what the Bible teaches; why Jesus and the miracles he performed are important to Christians; and finally why Christians pray.



## SCIENCE

We will be learning about the four seasons, varying lengths of a day, weather changes, and appropriate clothing and equipment for different weather. We will observe, describe and measure the weather using charts and weather reports. The children will collect evidence and record their data.



## MESSAGES

- Please have the appropriate PE kit for every lesson including socks and trainers.
- **Please ensure all uniform is named.**
- Our library slot will be on a Tuesday afternoon.
- Parent or grandparent help in class is always appreciated. Please let us know if you can support the class in any way.
- Don't forget to have wellies and a waterproof coat in school for outdoor learning.

## TOPIC



Our first topic in Year 1 is called 'Toy Story', focusing on changes in living memory. We will be exploring the questions 'What has changed in your lifetime?' and 'How is your childhood the same and different to your grandparent's childhood?' After discussing changes in the children's lives we will explore toys (and other aspects of our lives) from today and in the past, using evidence to describe what is the same, what is different and why things have changed.

**PE**-Key PE skills with our sports coach on a Wednesday and dance with Miss Filer on a Friday.
**MUSIC**— Our unit this half term is 'Move to the Beat'. We will also listen to 'You've Got A Friend In Me' by Randy Newman and 'What Was I made For?' by Billie Eilish.
**PSHE**—Me and My Relationships
**COMPUTING**—Online Safety & Introduction to Purple Mash
**ART**—Our unit is exploring colour mixing, with a focus on the work of Paul Klee.
**SHOW AND TELL**-This will be on a Friday afternoon. A rota will be on the class web page and class window. Please send in items to share related

## KEY DATES FOR YEAR 1

- Church: Tuesday 8th September and Tuesday 6th October
- Farm visit: Tuesday 6th October 10:40am-11:50am
- Parent Lunch: Friday 9th October
- Individual photos: Friday 16th October
- Parents' evening: 20th and 21st October 4pm—7pm.

