



Curriculum Overview 2026/2027

Year Reception



	Term 1 8 weeks	Term 2 7 weeks	Term 3 6 weeks	Term 4 5 weeks	Term 5 7 weeks	Term 6 7 weeks
	AUTUMN		SPRING		SUMMER	
RE	Creation and The Covenant God created the World Baptism	Prophecy and Promise The Annunciation The Nativity The Shepherds visit the manger	Galilee to Jerusalem The Wise Men visit Jesus Jesus welcomes the little children	Desert to Garden Lent Jesus died on the cross Love God, Love everyone	To the Ends of the Earth The story of Pentecost The Church	Dialogue and Encounter St Peter and St Paul The local parish Multi Faiths
School Values	Respect	Honesty	Courage	Compassion	Perseverance	Responsibility
Catholic Social Teaching	Introducing the CST animals Learning the CST animal songs Stewardship-We must take good care of the World (Sofia the Sloth) Dignity of the Human Person- We must treat others in a caring way (Luc the Deer) Family and Community /Participation- My School Family (Chikondi the giraffe)	Dignity of the Human Person (Luc the Deer) We show our love to God and for each other The Dignity of Work- Everyone should be able to work safely (Patariki the Penguin)	Option for the Poor and Vulnerable (Poppy the Popokotea) God's gifts are for everyone Solidarity and the Common Good (Shristi the Sun Bear) We are friends We help each other	Option for Poor and Vulnerable- Learning to share our toys and food (Poppy the Popokotea) Rights and Responsibilities Jesus wants us to help others Making the right choices (DJ the Dolphin)	We are called to live as Family and Community-(Luc the Deer) We need each other We are all different but we are still one family- Solidarity (Shristi the Sun Bear) Dignity of Work- We use our gifts for each other (Patariki the Penguin)	Rights and Responsibilities (DJ the Dolphin) God wants everyone to be happy Making the right choices
Topics	We cover mini topics throughout the year based on the interests of the children in the class					

Communication and Language	Learning how to be a good listener All about Me I want/need... Tell me about... Learning stem sentences Introducing new vocabulary Autumn Term Poems- The Poetry Basket	Learning to have a conversation I wonder /Answering questions Learning stem sentences Tell me how... Using new vocabulary Spring Term Poems- The Poetry Basket	Back and Forth conversations Did you know? Tell me why Using more detailed sentences Summer Term Poems – The Poetry Basket
	Developing and extending vocabulary through Story Basket, Poetry Basket, Stories Developing back and forth conversations with more complex sentences through the year Understanding who, what, where, how and why questions Individual/small group speech and language work if needed		
Literacy Phonics Unlocking Letters and Sounds	Phase 1 Phase 2- single sounds Phase 3- single sounds and 7 digraphs Revision of all sounds learnt so far	Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs Phase 3 Mastery Revision Phase 3	Revision Phase 3 Phase 4 adjacent consonants Phase 4 Mastery
Literacy Writing	Generational stages of drawing Handwriting (ULS) Pre- writing skills mastery Unit 3 Lowercase letter formation Unit 4 Copying simple words and phrases Writing simple words Writing my name (Upper Case letter formation for individual names) Writing Phase 2 Common Exception Words Song/ rhyme inspired writing	Handwriting (ULS) Lowercase letter formation Unit 4 How to write a simple sentence Writing words and captions using Phase 2 and 3 sounds Writing Phase 3 Common Exception Words Story inspired writing including Traditional tales	Writing simple sentences and stories Using Common Exception Words in our writing Handwriting revision Letter families Unit 5 Down letters, curly letters, zigzag letters Becoming authors and illustrators- making our own book
Literacy Reading	Developing a love of reading Nursery Rhymes and Rhyming books Snack time Story Choice Learning to read- weekly class book- focus on illustrations, oral blending (Term 1) learning to blend words and recognise Common Exception Words (Term 2)	Traditional Tales World Book Day- sharing our favourite books Learning to read- weekly class book- focus on comprehension (Term 3) and finding digraphs in words(Term 4) Re-telling stories	Stories from around the World Non- Fiction Learning to read- weekly class book- Developing fluency and using predictive skills (Term 5 and 6) Reading the stories we have written to a friend/the class

Focus Stories	Peace at Last Rainbow Fish Colour Monster Can't you Sleep Little Bear? A handful of buttons	Stick Man Bear in a square Bear about town Bear Hunt Night Monkey Day Monkey	Six Dinner Sid Tales from the story cupboard The Tiger who came to tea Mouse Paint	Ruby's Worry Tales from the story cupboard Ten Black Dots Maybe something Beautiful	On the Way Home Room on the Broom Handa's surprise Beautiful OOPs	The Stories of Eric Carle A World for me and you where everyone is welcome How many legs?
Maths	Introducing number and shape of the week Maths Sort and Compare Talk about Measure and Patterns It's Me 1,2,3 Circles and Triangles 1,2,3,4,5 Shapes with 4 sides Number Zoo 0 to 5 Number formation 0, 1,2,3,4		Alive in 5 Mass and Capacity Growing 6,7,8 Length, Height and Time Building 9 and 10 Explore 3D shapes Number Zoo- 6 to 10 Number formation 5 6,7,8,9		To 20 and Beyond How many now? Manipulate, Compose and Decompose Sharing and Grouping Visualise, Build and Map Make Connections Numberblocks- patterns in numbers Revision of number formation	
Physical Development	Introduction to PE Woodland Play Obstacle Courses Crossover games- crossing the midline	Fundamental skills Woodland Play Balance Bikes	Gymnastics Playground Games	Dance Woodland Play	Games Woodland Play Sports Day	Ball Skills Woodland Play
	Introduction to using a range of tools Developing an effective pencil grip- sitting correctly- point, pinch and flip Fine Motor workouts		Choosing appropriate tools Scissor Skills Fine Motor workouts		Using tools effectively Adding details using small parts eg sequins, beads, stickers etc	
Personal Social, Emotional Development	Getting to know each other Learning our school Rules Making a Difference Being Me	Anti-Bullying Week Celebrating Differences Road Safety awareness Friendships Telling the Truth	Dreams and Goals Being a Good Friend Helping Others- Kindness Boomerang Helping our world	Healthy Me Our worries Kindness and Compassion	Life to the Full I am Me Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes Ready Teddy I like, you like we all like Good Feelings, Bad Feelings	Life to the Full Let's Get real Growing Up Loving God, Loving others My Body, My rules Me- you- us

Understand the World	Science	Animal Adventures- On the Farm Changing seasons- Autumn Treasures Our Beautiful Planet- Caring for the Earth Harvest- Growing things	Animal adventures- Animal Homes Zoo animals Changing Seasons- Whatever the weather I am a Scientist- Loud/Quiet	Changing Seasons- Winter Wildlife Our Beautiful Planet Exploring Outdoors Plants I am a Scientist Freeze/Melt	Animal adventures- Living/Non- Living Changing Seasons- Springtime Magic Our Beautiful Planet Exploring Plant parts Planting seeds	Changing Seasons- Sandcastle Science I am a Scientist- Push/Pull Float/Sink	Animal adventures- Describing minibeasts Changing Seasons- Summer Senses I am a Scientist- Light/Dark
	History	Peek into the Past- Toy Box Adventures through Time- Family Tree	Peek into the Past Remembrance Day- what does it mean to remember	Peek into the Past- Can you Guess who? My Life Timeline Adventures through Time- Wearing the Crown	Peek into the Past- Past and Present Adventures through Time- Picture detective	Peek into the Past- Spot the Difference Adventures through Time- Transport through Time	Adventures through Time- My Achievements
	Geography	Outdoor adventures- Nature Catchers Observational Painting Exploring the seasons- Autumn Exploring the Weather-rain	Around the World- Home or away Bear's Uk travels City or countryside Exploring world landscape Desert Explorers Polar Explorers	Outdoor adventures- Exploring the Weather-snow Exploring the seasons- Winter Exploring Maps- Pirate Map Bingo	Outdoor adventures- Exploring the Weather-wind Exploring the seasons- Spring Exploring Maps- Our School from above Let's build a map Creating journey sticks	Outdoor adventures- Exploring the seasons- Summer Exploring Maps- Investigating Maps Map Making	Outdoor adventures- Exploring the Weather-sun Senses in nature Dress the Teddy
Expressive Arts and Design		Perform Poem in Harvest Assembly Perform Nativity to Parents Perform our poems on Tapestry to parents		Perform our poems on Tapestry to parents Making up our own dances			
	DT	How to use a range of tools Cutting paper Joining with tape and glue Learning how to fix materials together		Choosing which tools you need Experimenting with paper and card Experimenting joining materials		Experimenting with finishes Evaluating and adapting models	

	Art	Exploring a range of media Wax crayons Felt tips Chalks Finger Painting Playdough Cutting Skills Threading Skills	Collage and Transient Art Group Art Work Joining materials Paper snakes Salt dough decorations	Observational drawings Landscape Collage Threaded snowflakes	Tissue paper flowers Egg Threading Petal Mandala Suncatchers	Outdoor Art Painting to Music Landscape Art Salt Painting	Clay- Design, make and paint an animal
	Mu sic	Singing Nursery Rhymes Learning new songs Perform songs to Parents (Nativity) Listening to music Music Express- Special People PSED Beat and Tempo Stories and Sounds L structure		Experimenting with instruments Music Express- Working World- TW Texture Going Places C&L High and Low		Painting to Music Music Express- Growth and Change PD Loud and Quiet Moving Patterns- Maths Structure Our Senses EAD Timbre	
	Computing	Loose Parts Play Following Instructions Tinker Trays	Programming- All about Instructions	Introduction to data	Exploring HardwareUsing Technology	Programming- Bee Bots	Computing Systems and Networks: Using a Computer
	Visits/Special Activities	Visit from Priest Visit to Church	Pantomime Nativity	Exploradome	Dentist		Raglan Farm Park Visit from a member of the parish