



St Christopher Class

Autumn Term EYFS/Year 1



Phonics

Read Write Inc.

At our school, we use the Read Write Inc. (RWI) programme to teach phonics, reading, and support early writing. This structured and engaging approach helps children build strong foundations in reading from the very beginning of their learning journey.

Through Read Write Inc., children learn to:

- Recognise the sounds that letters make (phonemes)
- Blend sounds together to read words
- Segment words into sounds to support their spelling and writing
- Develop fluency, expression, and confidence when reading aloud

Children are taught in small, carefully matched groups to ensure they make progress at their own pace. They also take home books that are fully decodable and linked to the sounds they have been learning in school, helping them to practise and celebrate their reading success at home.

Our aim is for every child to become a confident, enthusiastic reader who enjoys exploring stories and language.



Literacy Communication & Language

We're Going to Find a Monster by Malorie Blackman and Dapo Adeola

This term, the children will set off on an exciting adventure inspired by the story *We're Going to Find the Monster!* Together, they will journey through the story using imagination, movement, and creativity. The children will explore rhyming words, create story maps and fact files, write lists and labels, design signs, and discover non-fiction books about how to keep healthy and strong for their monster hunt!

Outcome: The children will retell the story by showing the main events in 3-5 pictures. They will add mark making or labels to each picture to explain what is happening in their version of the adventure.

Festivals by Jane Bingham

This term, the children will go on a journey around the world to discover how different festivals are celebrated! Through stories, pictures, and hands-on activities, they will explore the colours, sounds, and traditions that make each celebration special. Along the way, the children will continue to develop their mark making skills and learn how to write labels and captions to bring their ideas to life.

Outcome: The children will design and draw a plan to build their own snowman, adding labels to show what materials and decorations they will need to make it extra special.

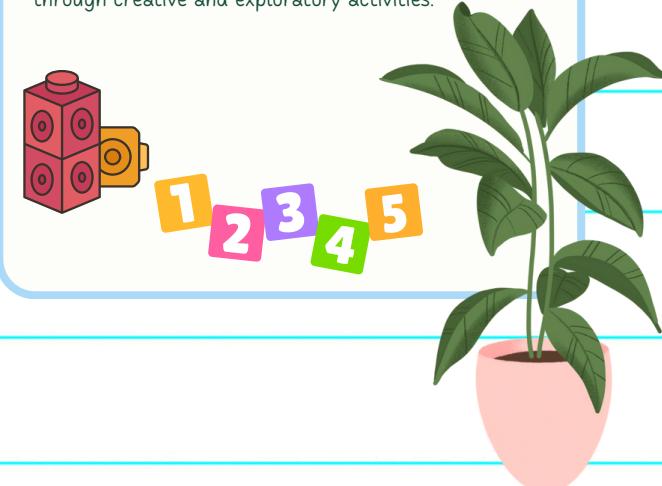
Maths

EYFS

This term, our youngest learners will be exploring numbers through hands-on, playful activities. They will develop their understanding of numbers to 5 by comparing groups, finding one more and one less, and exploring how numbers can change and combine to make number bonds within 5. The children will also investigate 2D and 3D shapes and learn about space through building, sorting, and exploring the world around them.

Year 1

In Year 1, the children will build on their early maths skills as they work with numbers to 10. They will explore part-whole relationships and practice addition and subtraction within 10 using practical resources and problem-solving challenges. The children will also investigate the properties of 2D and 3D shapes through creative and exploratory activities.





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Science

Understanding the World

The Human Body

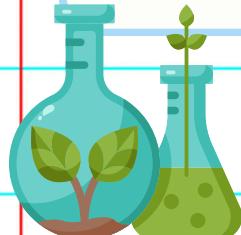
This term, the children will become body detectives as they learn all about the human body! They will identify, name, draw, and label the different parts of the body and discover which parts help us see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. Through fun investigations and hands-on exploration, they will ask curious questions and find exciting ways to discover the answers.

Seasonal Changes

The children will turn into weather watchers as they explore the four seasons and the changes we see throughout the year. We'll focus on autumn, observing how the weather, daylight, and nature around us transform as the leaves change colour and the days grow cooler.

Materials

In this topic, the children will become material explorers! They will investigate different everyday materials, describing what they look and feel like. Through sorting and classifying activities, they'll discover how materials are used and why – all while developing their scientific curiosity and observation skills.



RE

Understanding the World

Creation and Covenant

In this unit, the children will learn about the story of Creation and how God made our wonderful world. They will explore how everything God created was good and how each one of us is unique and loved by Him. The children will also learn about the family of the Church and how we become part of this special family through baptism.

Prophecy and Promise

As we move through this unit, the children will explore important Bible stories that lead up to the birth of Jesus, including the Annunciation, the birth of John the Baptist, and the Nativity. They will learn about Advent as a time of waiting, hope, and preparation for the coming of Jesus, and celebrate Christmas as the joyful fulfilment of God's promise to send His Son to the world.



PE

Physical Development

Gymnastics and Fundamental Skills

This term, the children will be developing their confidence, coordination, and control through gymnastics and fundamental movement skills. They will explore how to move safely and creatively in different ways, making gymnastic shapes, balancing, rolling, and travelling across space. The children will also have opportunities to use apparatus to build strength and agility while learning how to keep themselves healthy and safe during physical activity.

RSHE

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Me, My Body, My Health

This term, the children will be learning all about themselves – who they are and what makes them special! Through songs, stories, and games such as Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes and Ready Teddy, they will explore the different parts of the body, learn how to take care of themselves, and celebrate what makes each of us unique.

Emotional Well-being

The children will learn to recognise and talk about their feelings, likes, and needs. They will explore what makes them and others feel happy or sad, and how to manage different emotions in a positive way. Through activities like I Like, You Like, We All Like! and Let's Get Real, they will build empathy, kindness, and confidence in expressing themselves.

Life Cycles

In this topic, the children will begin to understand how people grow and change over time. They will reflect on their own life journeys in In My Life and Growing Up, celebrating the progress they've made and the new things they can do as they grow.





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Art

Expressive Art & Design

Yayoi Kusama

This term, the children will be inspired by the amazing artist Yayoi Kusama, known for her colourful dot patterns and imaginative pumpkin artwork. They will experiment with different ways to create dots using a range of materials and techniques. Building on this, the children will explore collage and sculpture by designing and creating their very own Yayoi Kusama-style clay pumpkin, celebrating creativity, pattern, and bold colour!



DT

Expressive Art & Design

Delightful Decorations

This term, the children will get creative as they design and make their very own delightful Christmas tree decorations! They will develop their cutting, joining, and simple sewing skills while exploring different materials and festive designs. The children will plan, create, and decorate their ornaments before proudly evaluating their finished work – ready to sparkle on the Christmas tree!



History

Understanding the World

Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot

This term, the children will travel back in time to 1605 to learn all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot! They will use timelines to understand that this was an event from long ago – beyond living memory. The children will discover why some people were unhappy when King James I came to the throne and how Guy Fawkes became involved in the famous plot. They will explore what happened before and after the 5th of November and learn how Bonfire Night is celebrated today.



Geography

Understanding the World

Let's Go to the Arctic!

This term, the children will set off on an exciting adventure to the Arctic! They will use maps and globes to find out where the Arctic is in the world and explore its fascinating geographical features – from icy landscapes to freezing seas. The children will learn what life is like for the people and animals who live in this extreme environment and compare some Arctic towns and cities to places we know at home.



Computing

Understanding the World

This term, the children will explore the world of technology and learn how to stay safe online. They will discover how technology is used in everyday life and begin to develop practical computer skills, including using a trackpad on a Chromebook and finding letters on a keyboard. Through fun, hands-on activities, the children will build confidence in using technology safely and effectively.



Music

Expressive Art & Design

This term, the children will use music to build confidence, friendship, and teamwork. Through songs, games, and musical activities, they will explore important social skills like sharing, taking turns, and cooperating with others. Music will help the children interact positively with their classmates, develop a sense of unity, and enjoy making music together.

