



St Christopher Class

Spring 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

A Walk in the Woods by Flora Martyn

In this unit, children will develop their writing and storytelling skills by exploring the theme of a walk in the woods. They will learn to use descriptive language to talk about what they see, hear, and feel, and practise writing simple sentences and short stories. The unit also focuses on sequence, punctuation, and vocabulary, helping children build confidence in expressing their ideas on paper while linking their writing to real-life experiences.

Outcome: Children will write their own version of the story, using the vocabulary, sentence skills, and storytelling techniques they have practised during the unit.

Sunny and the Birds by Wendy Meddour

In this unit, children will develop their writing and storytelling skills by exploring the story Sunny and the Birds. They will learn to use descriptive language to describe characters and events, practise writing sentences and short paragraphs, and begin to structure their ideas clearly. The unit also focuses on vocabulary, punctuation, and sequencing, helping children gain confidence in expressing their ideas in writing while linking their work to the story.

Outcome: Children will write their own version of the story, retelling the events in their own words. This gives them a chance to show the vocabulary, sentence skills, and ideas they have practised throughout the unit while creating a piece of writing they can be proud of.

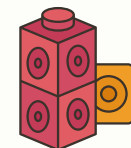
Maths

EYFS

This term, children will explore numbers up to 10, comparing groups using more, fewer, and less, and learning addition and subtraction through number bonds, including doubles. They will combine and separate groups to find wholes and missing parts, measure weight and size through hands-on activities, and continue, copy, and create repeating patterns.

Year 1

In Year 1, the children will build on their early maths skills as they work with numbers to 10 and progress to working with numbers to 20. They will explore part-whole relationships and practice addition and subtraction within 20 using practical resources and problem-solving challenges. The children will also investigate the properties of 2D and 3D shapes through creative and exploratory activities. They will begin to explore length, height, mass and capacity.





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Science

Understanding the World

Planting

In this unit, children will learn about plants, exploring how seeds grow into healthy plants and what they need to survive, such as water, light, and soil. They will take part in hands-on planting activities, make observations as their plants grow, and begin to record and talk about the changes they see over time.



Animals

In this unit, children will explore animals and their needs, learning how to care for them by providing food, water, and a safe environment. They will observe and describe different animals, sort them into groups, and begin to understand how animals grow and change over time.

Caring for the Planet

In this unit, children will learn how to care for the planet by exploring simple ways to look after the environment, such as reducing waste, recycling, and taking care of plants and animals. They will discuss why it is important to protect nature and take part in hands-on activities that help them make a positive difference.

Seasonal Changes

In this unit, children will explore spring and observe how the weather, plants, and animals begin to change. They will record what they see, notice patterns in nature, and discuss how the environment around them looks and feels during this season.



RE

Understanding the World

Galilee to Jerusalem

In the Galilee to Jerusalem unit, children explore the early life and ministry of Jesus as told in the Bible, beginning with his teaching in Galilee and his journey towards Jerusalem. Through simple stories, activities, and reflections, they learn about key events such as Jesus calling his friends, encountering different people, and sharing messages of love, kindness, and God's Kingdom. The unit helps children connect these stories to their own lives by talking about what it means to follow Jesus' example of care for others and to understand God's love for everyone.

Desert to Garden

In the Desert to Garden unit, children learn about Lent and Easter through the story of Jesus' journey from the desert towards new life and hope, symbolised by the garden of the Resurrection. They explore key events of Holy Week, such as Palm Sunday, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection, and reflect on how these events show Jesus' love for everyone. Through age-appropriate stories, activities, and discussions, children begin to understand the idea of change, sacrifice, and joy, linking what they learn to their own lives and how they can show love and kindness to others.



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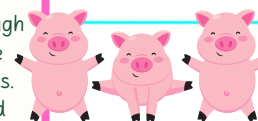
Physical Development

Games

In this unit, children will develop their physical skills through fun games that help them run, jump, throw, and catch. They will learn to follow simple rules, take turns, and work together with others, building confidence, coordination, and a love of being active.

Dance

In this unit, children explore dance and movement through The Three Little Pigs, using their bodies to act out the story, copy sequences, and create their own movements. They develop coordination, imagination, teamwork, and confidence while enjoying creative expression.



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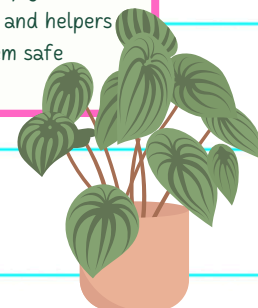
Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Created to Live in Community

In this unit, children learn about living in community by exploring how God wants us to live and work together in the world around us. They begin to think about the people and groups they belong to – such as family, school, church, and the wider community – and talk about kindness, respect, and responsibility in these relationships. Through simple stories and activities, children are encouraged to see how we can look after others and contribute positively to the world, understanding that being part of a community means caring for each other and our wider environment in ways that reflect Christian values.

Keeping Safe

In this unit, children learn how to look after themselves and stay safe in everyday situations. They explore personal boundaries and understand that some parts of their body are private, use simple rules to recognise safe and unsafe situations, and talk about who they can go to for help when they feel worried or uncomfortable. Through age-appropriate stories and activities, children also begin to understand how to stay safe online, identify good and bad secrets, and recognise trusted adults and helpers in their community who can keep them safe.





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Art Expressive Art & Design

Animal Art

This term, the children will explore animals from all seven continents, starting with familiar British wildlife and travelling all the way to Antarctica. They will be inspired by the colours, patterns and textures found on different animals and learn how artists use line, shape and colour to represent them. Children will experiment with a range of materials and techniques, developing their observational skills as they design and create their own animal-inspired artwork, celebrating creativity, pattern and the natural world.



History Understanding the World

Famous Queens

This term, the children will explore the lives of queens from the past and learn history skills such as asking questions, using time words like long ago, and comparing life then and now. They will use stories, pictures, and role-play to understand why these queens were important. Children will share their thoughts and ideas through talking, drawing, and practical activities, showing children they can describe the past and share their ideas with others.



Computing Understanding the World

This term, the children will develop their skills using their own individual logins. They will practise logging in, exploring tools, and saving their work, building confidence and independence with technology. Children will develop their drawing skills digitally, experimenting with lines, shapes, colours and textures to represent objects, animals, and their own ideas. They will also explore learning how to give instructions, control digital characters, and understand simple programming concepts. Through these activities, children will build creativity, problem-solving skills, and confidence in using technology to explore and create.



DT Expressive Art & Design

Teddy Bear's Picnic

This term, the children will design and make their own teddy bear picnic treats, such as sandwiches, fruit skewers and simple baked goods. They will explore different materials and tools, learning how to cut, shape, join and decorate safely. Children will also plan their own picnic items, thinking about colours, shapes and presentation, and use their creativity to make a fun and tasty picnic to share with their friends, celebrating practical skills and imaginative design.



Geography Understanding the World

Animals Around the World

This term, the children will explore animals from all around the world. They will learn where animals live and what makes their homes special, using maps and pictures to help them. Children will notice differences and similarities between animals and their habitats, talk about what they see, and take part in fun activities to help them learn about the world and the animals that live in it.



Music Expressive Art & Design

This term, the children will explore music and movement through a range of fun, engaging songs. They will go bird spotting with Cuckoo Polka, listening carefully to different sounds and bringing them to life with actions. They will Shake My Sillies Out, using their bodies to move and express the music, and explore pitch and movement in Up and Down, practising going high and low with their voices and actions. With Five Fine Bumble Bees, children will sing, count, and act out the bees' adventures, developing rhythm, teamwork, and early numeracy skills. Throughout the unit, children will build confidence, coordination, and a love of singing and moving together.

