



Saint Norbert's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Curriculum Newsletter

Lent Term 2025 – Year 1/2

Subject	Curriculum	Overview
English	Poetry - Humorous Recount from a personal experience Formal invitations Stories from other cultures Non-chronological reports	<p>We will continue to teach daily phonics systematically based on accurate assessments. Some children will now access the comprehension section. We will continue to support the children in Year 1 to become confident in using 'Fred in your head' to read in preparation for the 'Phonic Screening Test' in the Pentecost term.</p> <p>We will continue to support children to embed their phonics knowledge into their writing – remembering the sounds and applying this to their Fred Fingers to spell words and write sentences.</p> <p>We will continue to rehearse how to create a sentence – remembering capital letters, finger spaces, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks. We will continue to learn how to answer questions accurately based on what they are reading.</p> <p>We will further develop our knowledge linked to adjectives, verbs, noun phrases, conjunctions and pronouns.</p> <p>We will enjoy performing poetry as we prepare for the 'Speech and Drama Festival'.</p>
Maths	The children in Year 1 will focus on the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbers to twenty Addition and subtraction within 20. Numbers to 50 Length and height Mass and capacity 	The children in Year 2 will focus on the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Money Multiplication and Division Length and Height Mass, capacity and temperature
Science	Use of everyday materials Animals, including humans	<p>As chemists, we will begin to recognise types of materials and their uses. We will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are materials used for? What happens when we squash, bend, twist or stretch materials? What is the right material for the job? What is the best absorbent material? <p>We will continue to explore 'Living things and their habitats' making links to materials that are used to help look after animals.</p> <p>During this term, we are hoping to organise a trip to a farm!</p>
Art	Printmaking Textiles and collage	<p>We will explore printmaking by creating our own printing tools to create a variety of different prints. We will learn about the artist William Morris and his famous design called 'Strawberry Thief'.</p> <p>Children will then develop concepts learned through printmaking to apply this to combining paint and collage. We will learn about the artist Kate Vernon who uses flowers and natural forms to create her work.</p>
DT	Mechanisms Understanding materials	<p>We will learn how to create a simple wheel mechanism to propel a simple vehicle. We will make links to the inventor of the automobile wheel, Karl Friedrich Benz.</p> <p>We will learn about how materials can be modified to become waterproof. We will make links to our science work and the studies of Arthur Wellesley – First Duke of Wellington.</p>
Music	Untuned Percussion	We will help children to learn about rhythm and pulse by actively using musical instruments.

PE	Gymnastics Dance Games	We will build on skills acquired to balance using tension and creativity to add small apparatus and sequences to our work. We will learn how to access music to develop dance. We will develop the skills required to access sports games – tennis.
Geography	Compare a small part of the UK to a non-European location.	Through this topic we will begin to recognise how our own local area is different/same to an area in UK and then to a different part of the world.
History	Significant historical events, people, places in our locality.	We will use our knowledge of the local area to recognise how it has changed over time.