St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

Half Termly Learning overview: Autumn 2 **Year: 1**

This is a summary of the learning and taking place for the half term beginning: 2nd November 2026

Not every subject listed is taught every week.

Subject		**Learning**
English	**Reading**	**Class Text** – Traditional Tales
	Writing	We will focus on the story of The Gingerbread Man. The children will learn this story with actions and then innovate the animals on the gingerbread man's journey to change the story. We will also be writing a set of instructions. We will make our own hot chocolate and write a set of instructions to explain how to do it. We will focus on using bossy verbs – Put, Stir, Pour etc. and time connectives – First you must, Next, Then, After, Finally!
Maths		We will start the half term finishing our addition and subtraction within 10 unit. Focusing on subtraction on a number line and adding or subtracting 1 or 2. We will then move on to shape, starting with recognising and naming 3D shapes and then recognising and naming 2D shapes. Towards the end of the half term, we will move on to consolidating all the learning we have covered in maths since September.
Religious Education		In RE we will be learning about **Prophecy and Promise** We will be discussing why Mary was called by God and the message she received. The children will be learning the 'Hail Mary' prayer and the Christmas story. They will learn the order of events from the annunciation to the visit of the shepherds.
Science		We will start by looking at the changes in the seasons – naming the seasons and considering how the weather changes through the year. Our topic will then change to animals, including humans. Then we will learn more about animals, answering the following questions: What is an animal? What types of animals are there? What is similar and what is different? What does food tell us about an animal? What makes me an animal? What senses do I have?
History		In History, we are looking at changes within living memory. We will be answering the following questions: How have I grown and changed in my life? What is it like around here? What are the shops in my community? What were shops like in the past? How have shops changed? How are shops different today than a long time ago?
PSHE		This is covered throughout the half term in our class reflection and through other curriculum areas.
Design Technology		Our focus this half term is on **Fruit and Nutrition.** We will be identifying different fruit and vegetables and where they grow. We will then learn how to prepare fruit to make our own smoothies!
Computing		We are **Treasure Hunters** this half term! We will be using programmable toys beebots and the app on ipads to follow and make instructions for directions
PE		We will be developing our dance skills this half term. We will use weather and the changing seasons as our inspiration for creating dance sequences and moving to weather inspired music.
Forest School		We will remember the story of Guy Fawkes, by creating firework pictures with leaves and having a go at apple bobbing. We will celebrate St Edmund's Feast Day by making leaf crowns and bird feeders. Then we will begin our preparations for Christmas reading the Advent stories and making Christmas wreaths.
Music		We will be focusing on listening and moving to the beat, in time to our song for this half term - Colonel Hathi's March. We will also be learning songs to our KS1 Christmas play **Penguin Pete**