

## Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2026 – Year 1

### Religious Education

We will cover two different units focusing on different themes within our religion.

These are:

**Spring 1** - Galilee to Jerusalem - Experience the ministry of Jesus and the Word of God. They will learn through parables, encounters, miracles and teachings.

**Spring 2** - Desert to Garden - Study the season of Lent and its culmination in the events of Holy Week.



### Literacy

#### Reading

We will continue reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books with the children. We will discuss key features of texts and the difference between different types of books and their layouts.

We will focus on reading in an adult led group using a range of phonic based books from our 'Little Wandle' reading scheme.

Reading books will be sent home on a Thursday each week and returned back to school on a Tuesday.



#### Writing

During this term we will be looking at reading and writing:

- Story writing- the beginning, middle and end.
- Letter writing
- Instructions
- Non-Fiction writing
- Poetry- Children's Instruction rhymes and Spring Poems



These will all be linked to our topics of 'Seasonal changes' and 'How has Transport Changed Greenford?'

### Handwriting

As a starter to each lesson the children will partake in some simple finger warm up exercises.

During handwriting lessons the children will all sit at a table and hold a pencil comfortably and correctly. The children will be taught the correct formation of lower case and then upper case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place. They will be taught to lead out from a letter in preparation to join their letters.

### Phonics

We are teaching the children daily phonics through our Little Wandle phonics scheme.

This teaches the children Phase 5 sounds and continues revising the phase 3 & 4 sounds and tricky words.

Some children will receive daily keep up sessions.

If there are any sounds that you do not recognise please email through the school admin address and either Miss Sivanandan or Mrs Kelly will contact you with support.

When reading with your child we will be encouraging them to sound out any unknown words using their phonic knowledge and we continue to increase the children's bank of tricky words on a weekly basis.



### Grammar and Punctuation

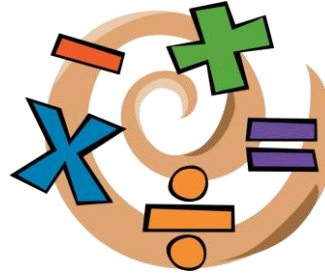
This term we will be focusing on:

- finger spaces
- capital letters
- full stops
- question marks
- plurals – adding 's' or 'es'
- conjunctions

## Maths

We aim to cover the following topics this term:

- Time
- Number Bonds to 20
- 5 more, 5 less
- Halves and Quarters
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Repeating patterns
- Comparing
- Measuring mass
- Measuring capacity and volume



By the end of this term children will continue to:

- Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards from any given number.
- Read and write numbers from 1-30 in numerals and words.
- Practise number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

## Science/History/Geography

**Spring 1:** Seasonal changes – BOTH Winter and Spring

Within this topic children cover:

- Observational changes across the four seasons
- Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies
- identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees

**Spring 2:** How has Transport Changed Greenford?

Within this topic children cover:

- Landmarks.
- Reading a map.
- Designing and making a map.
- Using a key.
- Identifying changes to our local community.



**The children will also be taught Art and DT, PE, PSHE, Computer studies and take part in Mass and assemblies.**

**PE lessons are now on Monday's and Friday's**

## Important Dates

You can access important school dates on our website and weekly newsletter.

## Communication with parents

It is very important to us as a school that we work in partnership with parents. Therefore we welcome any feedback you can give us about your child and their experience in school. If you have any concerns or worries email us through the school admin email address [admin@olovrc.com](mailto:admin@olovrc.com).