First Federation Trust

Thorncombe, St. Mary's CE Primary Academy

Term: Autumn 2 2026 **Class:** Pippin (EYFS) **Teacher:** Mrs Wheaton

Physical Development:

Gross Motor Skills

Children will develop their balance, coordination and movement through PE, outdoor play and Forest School. Activities will include pretending to be fireworks, ribbon dancing and festive obstacle courses.

Fine Motor Skills

We will develop pencil control and hand strength through cutting, threading, playdough and mark making, for example making birthday cakes with playdough or creating festive crafts.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

We will explore kindness, friendship, feelings and belonging through stories such as Owl Babies and All Are Welcome. Children will learn to recognise and express their emotions, celebrate what makes us unique and appreciate different family traditions. We will continue developing independence, confidence and positive relationships with others.

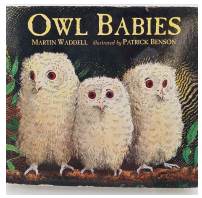
Communication & Language:

Through stories, Drawing Club, Poetry Basket, songs and imaginative play, children will develop their speaking and listening skills. We will introduce exciting vocabulary linked to celebrations, feelings and seasonal changes. Children will be encouraged to share experiences, ask and answer questions, retell familiar stories and develop their confidence through singing, rhymes and performing poetry. We will also practise listening carefully to others, taking turns in conversations and expressing our thoughts and ideas in full sentences.

Key Texts:

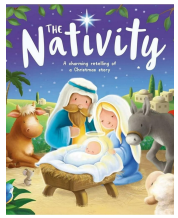
- Bonfire Night
- Happy Birthday, Winnie!
- The Best Diwali Ever
- Owl Babies
- All Are Welcome
- The Nativity Story
- The Christmas Pine

Let's Celebrate!









Literacy Development:

Children will continue learning Set 1 sounds through daily Read Write Inc. phonics, developing oral blending, early reading and writing - focusing on correct letter formation and pencil grip. Drawing Club will encourage imagination, vocabulary and early writing skills.

Extra Curricular Learning:

Our Tuesday Forest School sessions will encourage exploration, independence and teamwork as we observe seasonal changes and enjoy our wonderful outdoor environment. We will also have our Nativity performance on the 15th December!

At home:

Please continue practising sounds and reading regularly using your child's reading pack. Weekly phonics updates will continue to be updated on tapestry. We also love celebrating achievements shared on Tapestry! Thank you for engaging so well with tapestry in Autumn 1!

Mathematics:

- **It's me 1, 2, 3**

Counting, subitising and representing numbers to 3, exploring one more, one less and different ways to make 3.

- **Circles and Triangles**

Recognising, comparing and describing shapes, exploring their properties and using positional language.

- **1, 2, 3, 4, 5**

Counting, subitising and representing numbers to 5, exploring number composition and comparing quantities.

Mastering Number

Through practical activities, children will develop counting, subitising, comparing quantities and number composition, alongside exploring shapes and spatial reasoning.

Understanding the World:

Through our Let's Celebrate! topic, we will explore Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas, discovering different traditions and celebrations. During our 'Snack & Chat' sessions, we will explore past and present, comparing how things have changed over time and discussing similarities and differences. We will also investigate the natural world, observing seasonal changes.

Expressive Arts & Design:

Children will explore a range of creative skills, including painting, collage, construction, colour mixing and experimenting with different materials and textures. We will create colourful firework pictures, Diwali-inspired artwork and Christmas crafts, developing our ability to select tools and materials for a purpose. Through singing, dancing, role play and imaginative storytelling, children will express their ideas, explore rhythm and movement, and develop their creativity and confidence.

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Science
Working Scientifically
Planning
Recording
Concluding
Animals Including Humans
Forces & Magnets
Life Cycles
States of Matter
Light
Living Things & Their Habitats
Seasonal Change

History
British History
World History
Power & Conflict
Chronology
Historical Events
Lifestyles of the Past

Geography
Geographical Inquiry Skills & Fieldwork
Location & Place Knowledge
Human & Physical Features
Sustainability

Religious Education
Learning from Religion
Learning about Religion
Christianity
Islam
Judaism
Hinduism
Non-Religious Beliefs

Writing:
We will begin with predictable and patterned stories, using Brown Bear, Brown Bear as inspiration to create our own versions. We will then explore non-fiction writing, creating invitations, perhaps to let others know about our Nativity, before finishing the term with Christmas poetry, focusing on pattern and rhyme.

Computing - Creating Media
Children will learn to sequence digital pictures, take clear photographs and edit images. We will explore importing pictures and use our skills to create digital photo collages, alongside developing online safety awareness.

Design & Technology - Smoothies
Children will explore different fruits and vegetables and discover where they grow. We will practise food preparation skills, including chopping safely, before designing, making and evaluating our own smoothies.

PE - Fitness & Mindful Movement
In Fitness, children will develop strength, stamina and coordination through movement challenges. In Mindful Movement, we will explore breathing, stretching, balance and flexibility, creating simple movement sequences.

Continuous Provision:
Children will continue to have access to continuous provision. This allows them to consolidate their learning, work independently, and develop confidence by learning alongside and acting as positive role models for younger children. We call this 'Busy Learning'.

Reading: We will have daily phonics lessons following 'Read, Write. Inc'. We will work in small groups for this which will allow the children to learn at their own pace. Children will also enjoy listening to stories as a class. Please ensure that phonics books are looked after in the reading packs provided and that your child reads at home every day. Daily reading is essential for helping children become fluent, confident readers. Your support at home plays a vital role in this.

Celebrate & Commemorate

PSHCE - Celebrating Differences
We will celebrate what makes us unique, exploring differences, stereotypes and respecting others. Children will learn about kindness, friendship and bullying, including how to stand up for themselves and others.

RE - Why does Christmas matter to Christians?
We will explore why Jesus is special, retell the Nativity story and learn about Advent. Children will discover why Christmas is an important celebration for Christians

Christian Ethos:
Our core value this term is Thankfulness. Through worship, Bible stories and everyday experiences, we will explore ways to show kindness, care and compassion towards others.We will also have Open The Book visit to lead worships which we loved last term!

Mathematics:
We will explore place value within 100, focusing on tens and ones, comparing and ordering numbers. We will then investigate 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. Mastering Number will develop counting, number composition and mental maths skills.
Children in Year 1 and 2 will engage in Numbots to develop those vital maths fluency skills!

History - The Great Fire of London
Children will discover what happened during the Great Fire of London in 1666 and why it spread so quickly. We will explore life in the past, learn about Samuel Pepys and discover how London was rebuilt.

Music -
Children will develop their singing skills, learning to warm up their voices, follow melodies and sing confidently together. We will also enjoy learning festive songs for our Christmas Nativity performance. We are very excited to perform this year!

Science - Seasonal Changes
Children will observe seasonal changes in weather, daylight, plants and animals. We will explore how the seasons follow a cycle and how living things respond to these changes, using our outdoor environment.

Extra Curricular Learning:
Children will enjoy Forest School sessions, exploring our outdoor environment and seasonal changes. We will also look forward to festive activities, including our Christmas Nativity performance.

Computing
e-Safety
Searching
Coding
Digital Literacy
Creating

Art & Design
Drawing
Painting
Sculpting
Printing
Craft

Design & Technology
Design
Make
Evaluate
Structures
Textiles
Mechanisms
Food

Physical Education
Active Learning
Forest School
Gymnastics
Dance
Games

Modern Foreign Languages
Listening & Responding
Speaking
Writing

Music
Understand
Compose
Perform

Fluency	Problem Solving	**Maths Areas**	Reasoning	Mental Maths
Number & PV	Length and Height	Money	Statistics	Mass and Volume
Add & Subtract	Fractions	Time	Decimals, percentages	Temperature
Multiply & Divide	Capacity	Shape	Position and direction	Consolidation

Spelling	Punctuation	**Writing Genres**	Handwriting	Vocabulary
Predictable Stories	Fables	Traditional Tales	Familiar Settings	Descriptive
Labels/Lists/Captions	Invitations / Letter	Instructions	Auto/biographies	Non-chron report
Poetry with Word Play	Poetry with structures	Pattern and rhyme	Shape Poetry	Poems on a theme