St Paul's
Catholic Primary School

Kew Gardens (Year 1)
Spring Term 2026
Curriculum Information

RE

In the first half of the term, pupils will experience the ministry of Jesus, the Word of God. They will learn about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles, and teachings. They will learn about the call of the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus. In the second half of the term, the children will continue to focus on the teachings of Luke. Pupils will learn about the importance of forgiveness, how an encounter with Jesus changes some people forever and how Jesus gives himself to others.

English

In Year 1, learning English focuses on building phonics, reading fluency, and simple writing skills. Children expand vocabulary, form sentences, and practice grammar basics. Through stories, such as 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon, the children will develop confidence in communication, laying a strong foundation for future literacy and language growth.

Reading and Phonics

We will continue learning to read with Read Write Inc. Phonics. Children will learn to read in a very simple way: by reading letters by their 'sounds', blending these sounds into words, and reading the words in a story. They will bring home three types of books: storybooks (which they have read three times in class), a Book Bag book, and a library pleasure book.

We expect children to read at home every day, and their reading records must be signed by adults regularly. Please continue to read and practise the sounds at home with your children regularly. Please also ask lots of questions to the children about the book as they read as this will deepen their understanding of what they read and better connect it to their background knowledge they bring to the reading experience.

Maths

The children will be consolidating and building upon previous learning on number recognition, formation and counting, which will be extended to 50 by the end of this term. They will:

- Count to and across 50 beginning with 0, or from any number.
- Count, read and write numbers to 50 in numbers.
- Add and subtract within 20

This term, we will also start looking at units of measurement such as length and height where children will compare lengths and heights. They will also be introduced to the term 'centimetres'. Children will also begin to understand mass and capacity, using terms such as: heavier, lighter, full, empty.

Science

Everyday Materials

Children will investigate materials, exploring what objects are made of and testing their properties. They will use simple tests to help choose the best materials for different purposes.

Animal Groups

Children will learn about different groups of animals, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. They will observe and compare animals' features, sort them into groups and explore how animals are different.

Computing

Children will learn how to use PCs in the ICT suite. This term the children will be focusing on computer science. In this, they will be introduced to programming and simple coding. The children will be asked to solve logical problems using 'Busythings early coding'. They will be asked to think about how they sequence instructions to get their desired outcomes.

PE

The children will have two sessions of P.E. every week. One will focus on games and the other will concentrate on gymnastics. The lessons will take place on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** and children can come to school in their PE kits. Please ensure that your child's PE kit fits them, is clean and labelled clearly.

History Local History

Year 1 will explore how their local area has changed, with a focus on the local high street. Children will begin to understand the difference between the past and the present and will learn to use simple historical sources such as photographs, pictures, stories and objects. They will talk about what life might have been like in the past, compare it to life today, and start to notice what has changed and what has stayed the same in their local community.

Geography National Geography

Children will explore towns and the countryside, learn about the United Kingdom and discover where they live in the world. They will compare places, including London and Brasília, and develop their map skills while learning about human and physical features. Through this, children will begin to understand similarities and differences between places and how environments can vary around the world.

Music

We use a music scheme called 'Charanga' and this term the children will be learning about rhythm and instruments through two different songs.

Homework

Will be set every **Friday** and due back the following Wednesday. Each week, children will be given a list of spellings to practice at home, a book to read and a Maths activity, linked to their topic. Phonics will be included. Please support your child in completing the tasks and reading daily or see me for any help.

Important Reminders

- **Please ensure all your child's clothing is clearly labelled.**
- You must contact the office if another adult will be picking up your child.
- Please check your child's schoolbag for homework or notes daily, and sign the reading record. Thank you.