

St Margaret's Church of England Primary - Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term first half

English	Maths	Science	Religious Education
The half-term will begin with children studying a book called Star in the Jar. We will spend some time embedding capital letters and full stops correctly, as well as using conjunctions to make complex sentences. We will also practise joining up handwriting. We will then move onto the poetry unit of Autumn is here. We will focus on making our writing sound exciting through the use of adjectives, precise verbs, adverbs and adverbial phrases. After this, we will look closely at embedding speech through the correct use of speech marks. The children will then have the opportunity to write their own narrative in a similar style to the text. In our daily guided reading sessions, we will practise using retrieval and inference skills. Our class novel will be 'Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball'. To supplement this, we will also explore a range of poetry and non-fiction texts.	Place Value We will spend the first couple of weeks looking at place value, recapping tens and ones, before progressing to three-digit numbers using hundreds. We will then look at counting in multiples of 50 and 100 and finding 1, 10 or 100 more or less than a given number. Alongside number knowledge, children will have lots of opportunity to work on their problem-solving and reasoning skills. In our Maths meetings, we will develop our fluency skills through repetitive practise. This half term, we will focus on: • counting in steps of 2, 5, 10 and 3 • counting on number lines • reading and partitioning 3-digit numbers • saying the 3 times tables • number facts to 10 • adding hundreds • counting in multiples of 10 • doubling and halving to 10	Living Things and Habitats This half term, we will explore living things and their habitats, including ecosystems, classification and plant life. Children will recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways as well as recognising that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. Throughout the unit, the children will work scientifically through conducting investigations.	The Creation Story This term we will be answering the question; What do Christians learn from the Creation story? At the beginning of the unit, children will place the concepts of God and Creation on a timeline of the Bible's 'Big Story'. Children will also make clear links between Genesis 1 and what Christians believe about God and Creation. Children will also ask questions and suggest answers about what might be important in the creation story for Christians living today, and for people who are not Christians.

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Geography	Design and Technology	Physical Education	PSHE
<u>Local Area Study</u> We will be taking a close look at our local area through maps, digimaps, OS maps and aerial view images. We will start off by identifying the continent, then the country, city and immediate local area of Hollinwood. The children will identify human and physical features at each stage. Whilst exploring the area through maps, the children will identify features of the area they like and dislike and give an explanation for this. We will then recap our knowledge of the compass and practise our directional knowledge by going on a local walk.	<u>Mechanical systems</u> Children will design, make and evaluate their own story book that can be moved by levers and linkages. Children will investigate, analyse and evaluate books and, where available, other products which have a range of lever and linkage mechanisms. After the children have completed their creation, they will evaluate their work based on the materials, components and techniques that have been used. They will also evaluate against the intended user and purpose.	PE will be taught by our specialist PE teachers as part of our partnership with Dream Big Sports. PE day this half term will be: <u>Friday</u> On this day children need to come to school wearing their PE kit.	Children will be taking part in fortnightly PSHE lessons. Our first unit of work is entitled "Me and my relationships". Within this topic children will be collectively talking about dealing with feelings and emotions, conflict, resolution, teamwork and positive friendships.
Music	Modern Foreign Language - Spanish	Other key information	
This half term, the children will learn the song 'Let Your Spirits Fly'. We will learn how to clap, click and stomp to a beat. We will also consider what is meant by tempo and children will clap and say back different rhythms.	This half term, children will learn numbers to 10, as well as simple greetings such as "Hola" (Hello) " Buenos días" (Good morning) "Buenas tardes" (Good afternoon) and "Buenas noches" (Good evening/night) and some short phrases such as "Adios" (Goodbye) "Por favor" (Please) and "Gracias" (Thank you).	This half term, PE is on a <u>Friday</u> (please ensure your child comes into school wearing their kit on this day). - Please make sure your child brings their reading book and journal to school every day as it is part of their school uniform. - Spellings will be given out on a Friday for a test the following Friday	

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