



St Oswald's Catholic Primary School

Year 3 Autumn Overview

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Autumn</u>	
R.E.	Creation and Covenant Year 3 will revisit the first Creation story from Genesis, exploring the poetic language used to describe how the world was formed. Pupils will encounter the belief that human beings are made "in the image of God" and discussed what this might mean. They will make connections between the first Creation story and the Catholic Social Teaching principle of human dignity.	Prophecy and Promise Children will learn about the significance of the Mass. Pupils will discuss the importance of Sunday as a holy day, connecting it to the Creation story in Genesis. Pupils will explore Joseph's trust in God and learn about the messages brought by angels in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. They will consider how the themes of Advent and Christmas represent hope and faith for Christians.
English	Unit A The Iron Man by Ted Hughes (Chris Mould Edition) Year 3 students will study Ted Hughes' classic novel, The Iron Man, using the text to compose a suspenseful narrative focused on building tension and using advanced descriptive vocabulary. Additionally, their non-fiction writing will integrate directly with their science curriculum on forces and magnets, as students apply their technical knowledge to write a formal explanation text outlining how to capture the character.	Unit B Fox by Margaret Wild Year 3 will explore the powerful story Fox by Margaret Wild, which looks at the big themes of friendship, loyalty, and trust. Through this book, the children will write their own fable—a story with a special moral or message—and they will also write a factual report packed with interesting information about real foxes and their environments.
Mathematics	Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Multiplication & Division
Science	Plants Children will investigate the biology of flowering plants, identifying and describing the specific functions of roots, stems, leaves, and flowers. They will conduct scientific investigations into how water is transported within plants and explore their vital requirements for life and growth, such as air, light, water, and soil nutrients. Additionally, the children will study the plant life cycle, focusing on the essential roles that flowers play in pollination, seed formation, and seed dispersal.	Rocks Children will explore the geological world by comparing and grouping different types of rocks based on their appearance and physical properties. They will investigate how fossils are formed when living organisms become trapped within layers of rock over time, and they will discover how soils are created from a combination of rocks and organic matter.



Computing	IT Can I use Microsoft Word to compose an email? Composing Emails- 6 Lessons Pupils will explore the different advanced features of Microsoft Word. They will also use these skills to compose an email. Internet Safety Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle I can explain why spending too much time using technology can sometimes have a negative impact on anyone	CS Can I use various digital commands to create a program? Introduction to Scratch- 6 Lessons Pupils will learn how to program sprites using a range of blocks to add animation, sound and other effects Internet Safety Privacy and Security I can describe simple strategies for creating and keeping passwords private. I can give reasons why someone should only share information with people they choose to and can trust.
PE	Fundamentals Children will develop essential physical fundamentals, including the ability to balance, link hopping and jumping actions, change direction quickly, and skip. They will also build an understanding of how their bodies move at different speeds, the importance of a proper warm-up, and how to reflect on their own success. Basketball Children will develop core basketball skills by learning to dribble while changing direction quickly, balance effectively, and coordinate their movements on the court. They will also build a foundational understanding of game pace, the vital role of a proper warm-up, and how to reflect on their own performance and success during play.	Dance Children will develop key dance skills by learning to balance, change direction quickly, and smoothly link hopping and jumping actions into choreographed routines. They will also explore how their bodies move at different speeds and rhythms, understand the vital role of a warm-up, and learn to reflect on the success of their own creative performances. Football Children will develop essential football skills by learning to dribble while changing direction quickly, balance effectively, and coordinate their movements with the ball. They will also build a foundational understanding of game pace, the vital role of a match warm-up, and how to reflect on their own teamwork and success on the pitch.
MFL	Can I sing 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' in Spanish? Self, family & friends (body parts) To recognise the body parts involved in singing 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes.' To recognise these written words and be able to match them with the correct body parts. To combine known language from prior topics to form descriptive phrases.	



RSHE	Lesson 1 - Journey in Love: How We Live in Love (Social and Emotional) Complete M1U1 Story Sessions: Get Up in CW/Class Read time Lesson 2 - M1U1 Session 2: The Sacraments Complete M2U1 Story Sessions: Jesus, My Friend in CW/Class Read time Lesson 3 - M2U2 Session 1: Family, Friends and Others... Lesson 4 - Anti Bullying Week Lesson 5 - Road Safety Week Lesson 6 - M2U2 Session 2: When Things Feel Bad Additional PSHE elements- Class Charter, School Council, Zones of Regulation, Black History Month, Bonfire Safety	
History Opening Worlds	How much did Ancient Egypt change over time? Ancient Egypt Students will investigate how the geography of the River Nile shaped the agriculture, belief systems, and early settlements of Ancient Egypt. They will examine how the region's unique landscape influenced political power structures—such as the pharaohs' symbolic double crown—and discover how this authority was sustained through art, hieroglyphic writing, and religion.	How similar and how different were Ancient Egypt and Ancient Summer? Cradles of civilisation Students will look at how Ancient Egypt and Ancient Sumer both started as "cradles of civilisation." They will explore how both societies built successful farming communities near major rivers, while also learning about their differences—such as how Sumer grew into separate city-states and invented writing to keep track of trade.
Geography Opening Worlds	What are the similarities and differences between the Rivers Severn and the River Indus? Rivers Year 3 will explore the world of rivers by comparing the River Severn here in the UK with the River Indus. Students will learn how rivers get their water through springs and the water cycle, while taking a closer look at the River Indus—following it from its starting point to the sea, admiring its beauty, seeing how people use it today, and looking at the environmental challenges it faces.	How do mountains interact with what is around them? Mountains Year 3 will explore how mountains interact with the world around them by looking at some of the highest peaks across the UK. The children will locate famous mountainous areas like Snowdonia, the Lake District, and the Highlands, before diving into a special study of the massive Andes range to discover why people choose to live in these high-altitude environments.
Art	Can I create a self- portrait in the style of Frida Kahlo? Year 3 will explore the vibrant world of this artist by asking the question: "Can I create a self-portrait in the style of Frida Kahlo?" The children will develop their drawing and colour-mixing skills as they learn how to capture their own features and express their feelings through bold, colourful portraits inspired by Kahlo's famous artwork.	



Design Technology	Can I make European savoury dish? Cooking & Nutrition Year 3 students will investigate food technology and nutrition by addressing the key question: "Can I make a European savoury dish?" Through this unit, children will apply the principles of a healthy, varied diet as they learn diverse cooking and preparation techniques, while also studying seasonality to understand how and where ingredients are sourced across Europe in preparation for their upcoming Geography studies.
Music	Three Little Birds Year 3 students will explore the vibrant world of Reggae music, focusing their learning around Bob Marley's iconic song, "Three Little Birds". Through an integrated approach linking musical games, singing, and instrument play, children will master core elements such as pulse, rhythm, and pitch. In addition to singing and playing, they will learn to improvise and compose using the song, while listening to and appraising wider tracks within the Reggae genre.