

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

Half Termly Learning Overview: Autumn 1 2026

Year: 2



This is a summary of the learning and taking place for the half term beginning:

Not every subject listed is taught every week.

Subject		Learning
English	Reading	Reading Comprehension – children will read a variety of different texts such as poems, short stories and letters and answer questions. Echo reading of Talk 4 Writing text and other texts - The Three Bears, The Enormous Turnip and The Three Little Pigs. Class reading of Sounds Write stories (Extended Code Units.)
	Writing	Children will learn the text 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by Pie Corbett. They will write their own version of the story. Units taught through the Pie Corbett Talk for writing – imitating, innovating and invention. Grammar – Children will learn about different sentence types and punctuation (statement, exclamation and question,) using the past tense and nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. Dictations using Sounds Write format. They will also begin to learn a set of instructions based on making a sandwich.
Maths		Place Value – counting to 100, writing numbers as digits and words, writing numbers on a numberline, comparing numbers, partitioning tens and ones. Counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. Addition and Subtraction – Number bonds, fact families, adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers.
Religious Education		Creation and Covenant. Looking at stories within the Bible, in particular God's promise to Noah in Noah's Ark. Introduce the idea of sin as turning away from God. Children will learn about the Sacrament of Baptism and about The Old and New Testament.
Science		Living Things and their Habitat. Learning questions will be – What is alive and what is not? Where do plants and animals live in our local environment? What are food chains? Why do animals and plants need each other? What do they have in common?
Forest School		Recapping our safety rules at Forest School. Noticing the changes in our meadow as we move into Autumn. Keeping ourselves warm by learning how to safely light the fire. Celebrating Harvest and cooking damper bread on the fire.
Geography		Our topic is all about our local area. Learning questions are: What are human features? What are physical features? What features does our local area have?
History		Topic taught after half term.
PSHE		Reflection time on Wednesdays - discuss themes from Key Stage assemblies, such as being ready, respectful, safe, democracy, international day of peace and day of sign language, Harvest, World Mental Health Day, Black History Month and World Mission Day.
Art & Design inc Design Technology		Art focus – Developing drawing skills. Understanding tone and texture. 'Mapping it out' topic - exploring and creating maps through various art forms, including drawing, felt making, printmaking, and designing stained glass.
Computing		We will start by looking at e-safety and how we can keep ourselves safe online. Children will learn how to use a word processing program on a laptop to type and then how to save a file and retrieve it.
Music		Our music will be based on the action song 'Tony Chestnut' which has lyrics based on pointing to different parts of the body. The children will learn to play the melody of the song and improvise a call and response pattern.
PE		Getting to know each other parachute games and activities. Ball skills - the children will develop accuracy in rolling, throwing, balancing and catching. They will refine and develop these skills with greater precision.