

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Silchester Church of England Primary School



Learning Overviews

Autumn 2 – 2025

We want to ensure that all children learn through a rich, exciting, and engaging curriculum.

Please have a look through to discover an overview of your child's learning for this term.

Mathematics

In Maths we will be beginning to count beyond 5 and recognising these numerals. Explore the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts'. We will continue subitising within 5. Finally, ending the term comparing size, mass, compacity and shape patterns.

Personal, social, emotional development

We will continue to learn about each colour monster, reminding how to use those colours to help represent how we are feeling. We will be introduced to Boris the Robot and think about how special we are and talking about our favourite things.

Physical Development

This term, children will continue to look at how to negotiate spaces safely. They will use a variety of tools effectively, including pencil, scissors, and cooking equipment. They will form most letters correctly using a suitable pencil grip. They will be encouraged to take care of their own belongings and develop their independence when dressing and undressing.

Understanding the World

More celebrations will be taking place this half term celebrating Bonfire night and advent. We will also continue our Faraway Friday visiting more countries and learning about their cuisine and looking at special places.

Ladybirds Class

Year R – Autumn 2

Ladybirds tend not to follow a topic and each week will be planned around their interests or of an important event. Planning will be adapted to meet the needs of the cohort.

English

This half term, children will be revising single letter sounds ensuring they are secure. We will be focussing lots on how to blend letters to create CVC words. Children will be writing words using their phonics knowledge. Children will be introduced to Helicopter Stories- using their imagination to tell a short story.

Expressive Art and Design

This half term we shall be creating pictures using autumnal resources. Children will continue to hear lots of stories and have opportunities to act out and create stories with classmates using a range of resources such as story spoons, story pebbles, puppets and dressing up. We will be creating helicopter stories and act these out together on our 'stage'.

RE

We shall spend a lot of time looking at the Christmas Story, recalling what happened and who some of the key characters are. We shall also consider how Christmas is also a time of being thankful to those around us.

PE

During our outdoor PE lessons, we will be learning how to use tricycles safely. Inside PE we will be exploring dance and creating sequences for the nativity.

Communication and Language

Developing good listening skills is key which we will practise in small groups. We will learn how to follow instructions and practise speaking clearly to our classmates. Children will be encouraged to talk about their feelings to support any problems in the classroom.

Mathematics

We will be carrying on recapping our number formation, number bonds and counting in 10s. Will then move on to counting in 2s, naming 2D shapes and finding half of these 2D shapes.

PSHE

"I am special!"

We will be looking at how we are each unique and how we can describe ourselves in a positive way. We will also be looking at how we can care for ourselves in different ways and how we can care for others around us.

Computing

This half term, we will continue to focus on using the software, "Paint", on the laptops and how to be safe when using laptops.

Music

"Christmas is Coming!" This half term will have focus on practising our songs for Nativity!

History

"How were toys and games like in the past?" We will be having a kind visitor to ask questions to about what games and things they played with when they were growing up! This means we will be brainstorming questions we want to ask beforehand and recording all the information we found out afterwards.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be learning all about different materials and their different properties.

We will also look at which materials can be squashed, bent, twisted or stretched.

RE

This half term, we will be focusing on the theme of "Angels" – perfect for coming up to Christmas time! We explore our own ideas of what angels are and then look at how angels are used in the story of the birth of Jesus.

PE

In our outdoor PE lessons, we will develop their understanding of invasion games and the idea of defending and attacking. In our indoor PE lessons, we will practise using our bodies to express characters and emotions in dance.

DT

This half term we will be creating our own Christmas stockings! We will select our own fabric, draw our templates, learn how to cut the fabric safely, and finally decorate it!

Chestnut - Year 1 – Autumn 2

Creating and Making

English

In English, we will start by reading "The Disgusting Sandwich" by Gareth Edwards and Hannah Shaw. We will use this text to explore imperative (bossy) verbs and time words (First, Next, Then, Finally, etc). We will then put all this practice into good use by making our own PERFECT sandwich recipe – for a sandwich that the badger would WANT to eat! Then, we will move on to our second text which is "The Nutcracker" by Jane Ray. We will recall our knowledge of noun phrases to describe a setting.

Mathematics

In Maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division. Year 2 focusing on counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s, exploring patterns, creating arrays and solving problems involving groups. Year 3 focussing on knowing multiplication and division facts for 2, 5, 10 times tables, representing them as arrays and number lines. They will count in multiple of 3s and 4s and solve problems involving \times and \div by grouping. We will be looking at properties of 2D / 3D shapes and fractions, with Yr 3 ordering, comparing and recognising equivalent fractions.

Computing

In computing this half-term, children will be learning to identify different types of personal information. They will also be developing their word processing skills learning to retrieve and manipulate digital content in a word document.

Music

Our topic is "Christmas is coming" and we will be focussing on pitch and duration. They will listen to and sing a variety of well-known Christmas songs, use percussion instruments, and read simple notation patterns and create their own.

Science

This half-term we will be exploring rocks. The children will learn about the different types, their properties, how they are formed and what we can learn about the past through rocks.

History

We will be travelling back in time to find how flight has changed over time. We will learn about a variety of significant individuals including The Wright Brothers, Bessie Coleman, Amelia Earheart. We will consider how flight affects us.

Spanish

Year 3 will be continuing to practice counting in Spanish as well as learning our Spanish colours, seasons and different Spanish traditions.

Hazel Class Year 2/3 – Autumn 2 Flight

English

In Guided Reading the children will be reading "Little Glow" by Katie Sahota and 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl. Across the week they will learn and use new vocabulary, practise fluency when reading and answer questions from what they have read.

In writing we will be writing a character description using the book Leon and the Place between by Angela McAllister for inspiration. They will then be writing a first-person recount using Kate Rutherford's text I flew around the world.

PSHE

This term we are looking at the next Heart Smart unit: Don't forget to let love in!
The children will recognise and celebrate their strengths and the ways in which we are all unique. They will reflect on ways to let love into their hearts.

RE

We will be looking at the importance and symbolism of candlelight in Advent and Hannukah (Judaism). We will learn how we use candles to celebrate birthdays and to remember people or events. We will focus on the Menorah and the Advent ring.

PE

During our outdoor PE lessons, they will be recapping passing and receiving the ball, focussing on keeping control and possession and scoring a point. They will learn to work as part of a small team developing their passing and moving skills and learn the basic principles of attack and defence.
In our indoor PE lessons, the children will be learning about communication and tactics through a variety of activities and challenges.

DT

This half-term the children will be developing skills to make a Christmas decoration. They will be cutting material, using a range of basic stitches to sew and join fabric. They will use templates/patterns and add further decoration to their work.

Mathematics

In Maths we will look at fractions and their equivalence, we will count in tenth and hundredths and begin to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. We will look at decimal numbers and rounding them to the nearest whole number. Our shape focus will be on the properties of 2D shapes – including angles and lines of symmetry. We will be consolidating our multiplication and division knowledge.

PSHE and RSE

I am special! – During PSHE, we will identify ways we feel loved and how we can celebrate our differences. We will learn how to stop the spread of bacteria and reflect on ways to let love in.

Computing

E-safety – how to use personal privacy settings and how they keep our information safe.
Knowledge of computing – We will learn to use PowerPoint to present our work. We will insert text, pictures, videos and audio. We will learn to use animations and transitions to add interest to our slides.

Music

We will be developing our understanding of rhythm and the use of steady beats; we will develop the use of ostinato and begin to use rhythmic notations.

Geography

We will investigate the location of Antarctica on the world map. We will research the physical and human features of the location. We will learn about compass points and grid references and use these to plot the route of Shackleton. We will then create an expedition around our school environment for someone else to follow.

Sycamore - Year 3/4 – Autumn 2

Who lives in Antarctica?

English

In English, the children will be using the text-driver 'Antarctica – a continent of wonder' by Mario Cuesta Hernando and Raquel Martin to act as a stimulus to write a description of the awe and wonder of Antarctica. The children will then be using the text-driver 'The Ironman' by Ted Hughes to write two newspaper reports, one about the alien attack and the other about The Ironman saving the day. Guided reading texts will be, 'The Ironman' and the 'Race to the Frozen North' by Catherine Johnson. Handwriting and spelling practice will also be done daily.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about electricity and electrical circuits. We will investigate what makes a complete circuit and use symbols to record circuits using circuit diagrams. We will also investigate conductors and insulators.

RE

In RE, we will look at pictures of the Annunciation and discuss what might be happening. We will describe the meaning of the term *faith* and describe how the concept of *faith* is expressed in the birth narratives.

PE

In PE, we will be learning how to play tag rugby and develop our gymnastic skills through the use of bridge balances and sequence development.

Spanish

In Spanish we will be using the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar to develop our food vocabulary as well as learning the days of the week.

Design and Technology

We will be developing our sewing skills to join materials as well as adding fastenings. We will utilise these skills to design and create an advent calendar.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term we are developing our understanding of fractions including equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions and adding and subtracting fractions with common denominators. We will solve problems involving time and identify properties of geometric shapes. We will continue to practice times tables and calculation skills to develop mathematical fluency.

PSHE

This half-term is all about health and well-being and taking responsibility for ourselves and our actions. This includes understanding the importance making good choices and who we can ask when we need help.

Computing

In computing this half-term, we will be using Sonic Pi to develop our programming skills. We will predict how a piece of code works and learn how to debug a piece of code we have written. We will use software to compose pieces of music and edit and improve them to share with the rest of the class.

Music

In Music this half term we will learn to identify pitch and rhythm of written notes and experiment with our own compositions. We will use staff notation to record our own pieces.

History

In History this half term we will be asking the question 'What happened to the Maya civilisation?' We will investigate how the Maya settled in the rainforest, their religious beliefs, homes and what archaeological remains tell us about Maya cities. Using primary evidence, we will examine theories into how the Maya cities declined.

Beech Class

Year 5 – Autumn 2

What happened to The Maya?

English

In writing we will be writing a 3rd person narrative based on the book 'The Lost Thing'. We will then write our own playscripts based on the play 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare. Our key reading texts this half term are Heroes: Incredible true stories from courageous animals by David Long and Tyger by S F Said.

Spanish

This half term we will continue to improve our basic Spanish conversational skills and learn the names of classroom objects and how to describe them.

Science

Throughout our science unit this half term we will be developing our understanding of forces. We will learn how and why things move. We will work scientifically to find out how things move through air and water and why some things have more resistance than others. We will plan our own investigations and work scientifically to report our findings.

RE

In RE we will spend time thinking the two birth narratives and ask the question 'Why do Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah?' Using this to make connections between biblical texts, Incarnation and Messiah.

PE

During our outdoor PE lessons, we will be learning to follow a map and develop our teamwork and navigation skills in orienteering. We will also be refining our passing and dribbling skills in football and practising attacking and defending in football.

Art and Design

In our DT lessons we will be designing and making small soft toys using sewing techniques to attach pieces of fabric and add details.

Mathematics

In maths we will be learning to use written methods of multiplication and division in problem solving. We will be revising converting fractions, as well as adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. We will recap the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes, as well as solving a variety of shape-based challenges.

History

We will identify the causes of World War 2. We will investigate and make deductions about the different phases of The Battle of Britain and The Blitz. We will evaluate the reliability of different sources. We will look at the impact World War 2 had on evacuated children and the lives of women.

Science

The children will consolidate knowledge of materials which are electrical conductors to extend our understanding of ways in which the brightness of bulbs or speed of motors in a circuit can be changed and developed. The children will show understanding of the value by using conventional symbols for communication.

Music

We will consider and respond to Calypso style music. We will explore the style's use of beats, rhythm patterns and the structure of the music before using these to inspire original compositions.

Oak Class

Year 6 – Autumn 2

What was the impact of World War 2?

RE

We will investigate the interpretations of the birth narratives at Christmas and their importance to Christians.

English

Our writing will focus on utilising a range of our writing skills for a variety of purposes. We will begin by looking at The Arrival and using the information to write poetry and diary entries. Following this, the children will read extracts from Windrush child and using this as a basis for an information page and a letter. In reading, we will be analysing different types of texts and answering questions about them.

PE

Our PE sessions will be indoors this half term. We will be learning the Samba dance and work our way to performing in front of others. We will also be learning about what makes a good leader and will provide opportunities for the children to demonstrate what a leader does.

PSHE

Don't forget to let love in!

We will be learning how to communicate opinions with respect, learn that they are priceless and irreplaceable (there is only one of them!). Using kind words and encouraging each other. Recall significant events in their life. Finally, we will create our own gratitude jars to take home.

DT

We will be designing and creating our own Christmas pieces.

Spanish

We will be looking at vocabulary relating to families and how to describe them.