Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

Year 1 Curriculum Overview Autumn Term 2 2026

This half term, our Curriculum Enquiry Question is: How can we compare where we live now to the past?
Our School Gospel Virtue is Justice

Hook: Photos of Bournemouth in the Victorian Era.

RE

Our topic this half term is **Prophecy and Promise**. Throughout our learning, we will explore the birth of Jesus and the sequence of events in this special story. We will consider the importance of Mary's 'Yes' to God, as well as learning about angels as God's messengers. Through these divine messages, we will discover what they reveal about Jesus as Saviour, Christ and chosen one. We will also explore why Mary is important to Christians. Our learning will include reflecting on how Advent and Christmas are celebrated in our school, parish and wider community.

Catholic Character Education/RSHE

CCE:
This half term we are focusing on our School Gospel Virtue of Justice. We will be thinking about what 'just' and 'fair' mean and how we can apply this to our own lives.

RSHE:
We will be learning about the people that are special to us this half term. We will look at families and discuss how every family is different but also share common features. We will discuss how families and friends love and care for each other and how they spend time together.

English

We are continuing our work on the story 'Tell me a Dragon' by Jackie Morris but using it to help us write a nonfiction piece of writing. We will be writing a range of different texts such as information posters, newspaper articles and instructions on how to find a dragon! Nearer to Christmas, we will learn about poetry and write our own poem about snowflakes.

Maths

Addition and Subtraction within 10
This half term, we will learn to add and subtract within 10 using concrete manipulatives and pictorial methods.

Number bonds to 10 (eg. 9 + 1 = 10,
2 + 8 = 10, 3 + 7 = 10)

Shapes
The children will look at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

History/Geography

This half term the children will learn about the Victorian period in Britain. This will include understanding who Queen Victoria was and the significant events that took place during her reign. They will also do some immersive learning by experiencing what life was like for Victorian children during a Victorian themed day.



Arts and Culture

In Art we will be learning about the artist Kandisky and exploring his use of abstract lines, shapes, and Colours to create artwork.

Music: we will be learning music to accompany our Nativity performance. We will also be thinking about how singing makes us feel.

Computing: In computing this half term we will be learning the basic skills of algorithms and programming.

Science

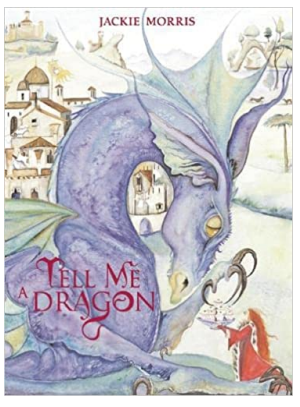
In science, we are learning about pets and gardens. Children will explore what animals we can have as pets and how we can care for them. We will start learning about habitats and what animals we can find in different areas of our gardens. We will start to think about animals belonging to groups such as mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians and birds.

PE

Team Building - *Outdoor PE* - The children will start the half-term learning how to work as a team and do some small team games.

Champion dance - *Indoor PE* - The children will be learning about how to move and use space. We will be looking at superheroes to inspire our dance skills.

Curriculum Texts



Snowflake, Snowflake

Snowflakes, snowflake
twirl around.
Snowflake, snowflake
touch the ground.
Snowflake, snowflake
land on my nose.
Snowflake, snowflake
freeze my toes.
Snowflake, snowflake
in the air.
Snowflake, snowflake tickle you
everywhere!

General Information

Key dates:

Victorian day - **Wednesday 11th November 2026.** Children are invited to come to school dressed as a Victorian child and they will take part in a range of exciting activities to learn more about life during the Victorian era. They will learn about Queen Victoria, explore Victorian houses, and compare Bournemouth in Victorian times with Bournemouth today.

Year 1 Nativity - initial proposed date: **Friday 11th December 2026 (date to be finalised and confirmed shortly).**

STEPS Roadside safety training: Short training session on **Monday 16th November at 9:00am,** delivered by a STEPs representative (for parents attending the roadside safety training).

The current plan for the practical roadside training is as follows:

- 1R: Monday 23rd November, 9:00 until just after 10:00am

- 1L: Monday 30th November, 9:00 until just after 10:00am

If you are able to support both classes during their practice sessions, we would be incredibly grateful. However, we completely understand that this may not be possible for everyone, and we would warmly welcome help from anyone who is able to attend just their own child's class session.

Homework books will be sent home every Thursday and should be returned by the following Tuesday. Any additional homework, resources, or important information will be shared via Google Classroom. If you require any support accessing Google Classroom, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Reading records and phonics reading books will be sent home daily and should remain in your child's school bag. Reading books will be changed on Fridays. We encourage you to read with your child every day and record a comment in their reading diary at least four times each week. To ensure your child is progressing appropriately, reading books will only be changed once it is clear that they have been read at home and completed.

Please ensure your child brings a clearly named water bottle to school every day. We also kindly ask that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name to help prevent belongings from being misplaced. Please also name lunch boxes if your child brings a packed lunch into school.

PE days are Mondays and Tuesdays.