









St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Map – Year 1

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Childhood	Superheroes	Our Wonderful World	Enchanted Woodland and Seasonal Changes	Moon Zoom	Paws, Claws and Whiskers
					
<p>This project teaches children about everyday life and families today, including comparisons with childhood in the 1950s, using artefacts and a range of different sources.</p>	<p>Intergalactic greetings, young heroes. It's time to rescue the planet from evil villains. Who's your favourite superhero? Spiderman? Wonder Woman? Maybe your heroes are ordinary people who've achieved great things. Or is it those people who save lives in our emergency services that you admire most? Superheroes have super senses. Use yours to identify mystery items by their smell, taste, sound and touch. What do true superheroes eat to keep their senses and special powers sharp? Can we stop the dastardly plans of Professor Slime? He's dropping his villainous instructions around town. We must stop people following them, but can we make it in time? Is that phone box free? Please excuse me – I have to save the world..</p>	<p>This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. They learn about the equator, hemispheres and continents and are introduced to the countries, capital cities and settlements of the United Kingdom. The children carry out simple fieldwork to find out about local physical and human features.</p>	<p>If you go down to the woods today, you're in for a BIG surprise. Foxes and badgers, voles and mice, beady eyed owls in the swaying tree tops. Beneath the leaves are tiny footprints – animal or imp? You decide. Deciduous or evergreen? Can you match a leaf to its tree? Can you match a petal to its flower? Let's build a den, stick by stick and branch by branch. Or we could make a teeny tiny home for a woodland fairy. Then let's party down in the woods with Mr Fox and all his woodland friends. We'd better not get lost. Let's leave a trail of conkers as we go. At last, it's time to rest by the woodland fire, listening to stories and toasting our sweet, gooey marshmallows. Yum, yum.</p> <p>This project teaches children about the seasons, seasonal changes and typical seasonal weather and events. They learn about measuring the weather and the role of a meteorologist. Children begin to learn about the science of day and night and recognise that the seasons have varying day lengths in the UK.</p>	<p>CRASH! What's that in the playground? Let's go outside and take a look. Stand back everyone – it looks like a UFO has crash landed. Find out who might have landed by exploring the craft and investigating scattered scientific specimens. Create a 'Welcome to Earth' box for an alien explorer. What can you put in it to help explain what life is like on our planet? Would you like to be an astronaut? You'll need a pretty sturdy spacecraft if you do. Start off small by making an air-propelled rocket. How far can you make it travel? Find out the names of the planets. There's Mercury, Neptune, Mars and – do you know any others? I've forgotten the rest. Then, an alien is found. Can you help get him home? It's got the experts in a right kerfuffle. Professor Pong doesn't know what to do. Are you ready for take-off Year 1? Hold tight. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1... LIFT OFF!</p>	<p>Soft fur, sharp claws and twitching whiskers. What's your favourite animal? One that meows? One that barks? Or maybe one that scurries or slithers? From pets at home to animals in the zoo, let's find out what animals like to eat and where they like to sleep. Do you know how to look after a rabbit? A cat? Or even a snake? Find out how the elephant got his trunk and how the rhinoceros got his leathery skin. Perhaps you know how the dog got his waggy tail? Can you make a food chain to show that eats who? Who is a herbivore and who is a carnivore? When a gaggle of mysterious pets arrive at the local pet shop, it's up to you to take care of them. Feed them, clean them and discover their daily needs. After all that work, curl up and take a cat nap..</p>