



Year One Spring 2026 'Bright Lights Big City'

History

This project teaches children about the physical and human characteristics of the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the characteristics and features of the capital city, London.

Design and Technology

Taxi

This project teaches children about wheels, axles and chassis and how they work together to make a vehicle move.



Science—Whitrose Science

Animals

Children learn about different types of animals, including common animals and their basic needs. They explore how animals are grouped, where they live, and how they survive. Pupils are encouraged to show care and respect for animals and their habitats.

Planting

In this unit, children learn to identify basic parts of plants and understand what plants need to grow and stay healthy. They observe plants over time and begin to notice changes as plants grow.

Seasonal Changes

Pupils observe changes in the weather and environment as the seasons change from winter to spring. They look at how this affects plants, animals, and people, using simple scientific language to describe what they see.

Caring for the Planet

Children learn simple ways to care for the environment, such as reducing waste, recycling, and looking after living things. They begin to understand how their actions can help protect the planet.

Art

Rain and Sunrays

This project teaches children about collagraph printing, including how to develop a motif



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Spring 1

What do Christians believe the good news Jesus brings is?

Spring 2

Salvation—Easter

PE (Wed/ Friday)

Dance

Dodge Ball

Hockey



Music

Music Express:

Ourselves Number

Animals Weather

PSHE

Jigsaw: Stages of Life / Changes

My Happy Mind: Meet your Brain, Understanding my emotions, understanding others emotions.



Computing

- use technology purposefully to create content
- use technology to share digital content

English

Writing texts

Dadaji Paintbrush Iggy Peck, Architect The Odd Egg The comet

Grammar focus:

What is a sentence? Capital letter / full stop

Adjectives, Adverbs, Onomatopoeia, Similes, Dialogue

Phonics

Phase 5 consolidation

Handwriting

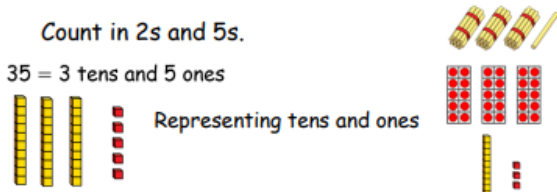
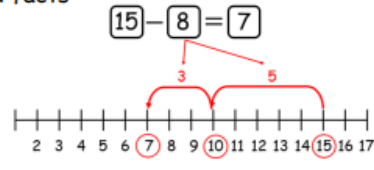
Nelson Handwriting scheme

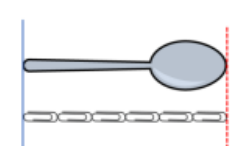




Year One: Maths

At St Francis, we follow White Rose Maths. Mathematics is taught daily in a progressive and systematic way, beginning in Reception, all the way through to Year 6. We believe that every child can master an understanding and love of maths with the right kind of teaching and support.

White Rose Maths builds skills gradually and systematically, ensuring learners are given opportunities to master each new area of learning before moving on. It is designed as a spiral of skills where concepts are revisited regularly to fully embed learning.

<p>1. Number: Place Value within 20 and 50</p> <p>Place Value is taught in two blocks during the Spring Term: Numbers within 20 comes first and numbers within 50 is taught later in the term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing numbers to 50 Counting forwards and backwards within 50 Tens and Ones Representing numbers to 50 One more and one less Comparing objects and numbers within 50 Count in 2s and 5s. <p>35 = 3 tens and 5 ones</p>  <p>Representing tens and ones</p>	<p>2. Number: Addition and Subtraction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add by counting on Add ones using number bonds Find and make number bonds Doubles and near doubles Subtraction by counting back Subtraction—finding the difference Knowing related facts <div style="text-align: right;"> $\boxed{15} - \boxed{8} = \boxed{7}$  <p>Subtraction crossing 10</p> </div>
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<p>3. Measurement: Length and Height</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparing lengths and heights Measuring with non-standard units Introducing using a ruler Adding and subtracting lengths  <p>Non-standard units of measure</p>	<p>4. Measurement: Mass and Volume</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing volume and mass Measuring and comparing mass Introducing capacity and volume Measuring and comparing capacity <p>Which case is lighter?</p>  <p>Comparing mass and capacity</p> 
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Helpful Vocabulary and Terminology:

Number bonds: Addition number facts that are helpful for us to know. For example, we can know all the number bonds that make 20 (1 + 19, 2 + 18 etc)

Crossing 10: When an addition or subtraction requires us to move over a tens number, for example: 15 + 8. We are crossing a 10 because we have to go past 20 to find our answer.

Related Facts: Knowing addition and subtraction facts that are related for example, 7 + 8 = 15, 15 - 8 = 7.

Non-Standard Units: Units of measure that are not commonly used but can help us learn about comparing lengths. We might measure how many 'hands' long something is, for example.

Volume: The amount of space a 3D object takes up.

Capacity: The amount a container can hold.