



St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Reception Curriculum Overview

2023 – 2024



Theme	Autumn A	Autumn B	Spring A	Spring B	Summer A	Summer B
	All about Me	Transport: Past and Present	Space	Growing and Changing	Kings and Queens	Stories from the Past
Understanding the World-	Past and Present (History)					
	My past, present, future and that of others including characters from stories. Families; when I was a baby, when my family members were young. Family trees, diverse representations of family life. Developing sense of chronology; before I was born, before I came to school, which classroom will I be in next year? Our school year: what will we do this year in Reception?	George Stevenson; The invention of the Steam Train Transport in the past; horse and carriage, motor cars, penny farthing, omnibus, ferry, other locally relevant transport from history. Modern transport including the Japanese Bullet Train, hovercraft, racing cars, aeroplanes and other examples of technologically advanced transport. Ernest Shackleton the explorer; The South Pole, the challenges of his journey.	People who looked at the stars; Galileo. Traditional stories to explain the stars e.g. The hunting of the Great Bear What scientists and astronomers know about our Solar System now; our sun, the planets in our solar system. The Moon landings; Neil Armstrong. The International Space Station; when and why it was built and launched.	Farming in the past; locally relevant information e.g. local areas that used to be farmland, what was grown, what those areas look like now. How farming worked in the past; use of horses and carts, horses and cows pulling ploughs. Present day use of machinery in farming.	The Story of King John and the Magna Carta (Teachers to tell story based on historical events). Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in Westminster Abbey. King Charles III and Queen Camilla coronation.	Stories from Ancient Greece; Prometheus stealing fire from the Gods, Theseus and his battle with the Minotaur, Daedalus and Icarus, Athena and Arachne, King Midas and the Golden Touch. Myths and Legends from around the world; Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, Stories of King Arthur, Norse Gods. St George and the Dragon. Locally significant areas in the past e.g. a local historical building. – Local History day.