St Mary & St Thomas - Reception

Topic Overview – 2026/27

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Where Do I Belong?	How Do We Celebrate?	What Is Life Like in Cold Places?	What Is Life Like in Hot Places?	How Do Living Things Grow and Change?	Where in the World Will We Go?
GENERAL THEMES *Themes may be adapted to allow for children's interests*	Belonging & starting school • Feelings & friendships • My family • Families are different • Family celebrations • My home & where I live • Our community: special places in St Helens • People in our community	Bonfire Night & fire safety • Diwali • Remembrance • Light & dark • Advent & the Christmas story • Hanukkah • Winter is here! • Christmas traditions then & now	We live in the UK • Winter where I live • Ice & snow investigations • Keeping warm: homes then & now • Arctic animals • Life in the Arctic • Chinese New Year • Nocturnal animals & sleep	From the UK to Kenya • Life in Kenya: homes, school & water • Food & markets • Eid al-Fitr • Savannah animals • Holi • The Easter story • Music, rhythm & dance	Vaisakhi • Signs of spring • Plants & growing • Butterfly life cycle • Frog life cycle • How we grow: healthy me • Caring for living things	Maps & journeys • Transport then & now: pushes & pulls • Journeys by air & sea • The seaside then & now • Around the world • Transition: my next journey
HIGH QUALITY TEXTS	All Are Welcome Colour Monster Owl Babies The Family Book Kipper's Birthday Rosie's Walk Last Stop on Market Street Real Superheroes The Leif Thief	The Dragon Who Didn't Like Fire The Best Diwali Ever Can't You Sleep Little Bear A Christmas Story Eight Nights, Eight Lights The Snow Thief Stick Man	The King's Pants Lost and Found Clive Penguin Sweetest Kulu Winnie and Wilbur at Chinese New Year The Gruffalo	The Queen's Knickers Handa's Surprise Welcome to Our Table The Ugly Five The Easter Story Tanka Tanka Skunk!	That's MY Flower It Starts With a Seed The Very Hungry Caterpillar Oi Frog Oliver's Vegetables Can I Be Your Dog? This Moose Belongs to Me Little Red Hen	Martha Maps It Out The Naughty Bus Mr Gumpy's Motor Car Room on The Broom Somebody Swallowed Stanley Emma Jane's Aeroplane Ruby's Worry
RE	Harvest — Saying thank you at Harvest time	I am Special · Christmas — How do we celebrate Jesus' birthday?	Stories Jesus Heard · Stories Jesus Told	Easter	Special Times — How do we celebrate special times?	Special Places — What makes a place special/holy?
PSHE	Being In My World	Celebrating Difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
PE	Introduction to PE	Fundamental Skills	Gymnastics	Dance	Ball Skills	Games