



# Vocabulary

**It is crucial that all children have explicit teaching of vocabulary to support their verbal and written communications.**

**At Our Lady of Fatima we have ensured that within our curriculum and topics we really focus on vocabulary to help develop full understanding and give children the tools to access challenging texts so that they are ready for each new stage in life.**

**In our Caritas topics the children have special TOPIC words that relate to their topic and are used specifically for that subject learning. These are known as Tier 3 words.**

**Throughout our topics we have interwoven explicit vocabulary teaching of ACADEMIC vocabulary.**

**These are words that can apply to all subjects and support all understanding and development. These are often known as tier 2 words.**

**In class children are taught these through stages:**

- 1. Hear and see the word in context, so that they start to understand it.**
- 2. Begin to define their understanding of the words.**
- 3. Create their own definition of the word.**
- 4. With the teacher try the word in new sentences orally.**
- 5. Create and attempt their own sentences using the word.**
- 6. Confidently use the word in their work**

**Along the way children have quizzes and discuss the words at relevant opportunities in their learning.**

**Have a look here for the words your children are learning in their topics each term.**

**Perhaps you can have a try to use them at home too.**

**Note, definitions here are only one definition and some words in this list have more than one definition.**

**Year Group: Reception  
Autumn**

**Topic Title: Myself and the world around me**

**Word**

**Definition**

Globe

The earth

Topic

Theme or a subject

Expert

Person who has gained that skill from experience

Bond

A bond is to join two things together

Challenge

A difficult or demanding task

Concentrate

To focus one's attention on an activity

Communicate

Interact with someone

Option

Something that can be chosen

Involves

To surround or wrap around in something

**Year Group: Reception  
Spring**

**Topic Title: Roaming the Planet**

Word

Definition

Mature

To reach full physical and mental development

Survive

To live after the death of another

Reverse

To move backwards or in the opposite direction

Reveal

To disclose or make known

Prime

The first or most important thing

Sequence

The order you want to put things in

Focus

To look closely and ensure clarity

Achieve

To carry out successfully

Similar

Something that is the same in likeness or parents

Year Group: Reception – Topic Title: Friend or Foe? Summer	
Word	Definition
Team	But keep those people working together
Draft	The first copy of a piece of work
Illustrate	To draw
Design	To plan how something should come out
Role	Take a part or role in a play
Section	A part separated from the rest
Create	To make something creatively
Community	A collection of people working together

Year Group: 1- Autumn	Topic Title: Home is where the Heart is
Word	Definition
Assemble	To put something together
Visual	See something
Inspect	Look closely at something
Voluntary	To do something without pay
Visible	When something can be seen clearly
Unique	Something that is completely individual
Minimum	The smallest version of something
Edit	To change and so improve
Coordinate	To oversee a few things to achieve an outcome
Tradition	Something done on a regular basis to establish a tradition

Year Group: 1 – Spring	Topic Title: Inside the Castle Walls
Word	Definition
Devote	To focus on and pursue
Rigid	Object that is if and will not bend
Vehicle	A moving object like a car
Accurate	To give the exact answer
Co-operate	To work together with others
Target	To fulfil a name
Resolve	To sort out or complete a problem
Impact	To collide with something Or outcome
Require	To insist when asking

Year Group:1 Summer Topic Title: All Creatures Great and Small	
Word	Definition
Highlight	To make stand out
Random	To choose with no plan
Tense	To draw tight
Brief	To keep things very short and minimal
Complex	A problem that can involve many factors
Survey	To ask many people or many things to find a result
Process	A collection of steps to achieve something
Approach	A way of going about something, to walk towards

Year Group: 2- Autumn	Topic Title: Life Down Under
Word	Definition
Straight forward	To do something in a simple easy way
Manual	A book to show you how to do something or to do something physically
Attain	To achieve something
Appreciate	To be positive towards something
Adapt	To change the way something is done
Ultimate	Final aim completed
Transform	To change one thing to another
Allocate	To give out parts or sections
Precise	To give clear instruction
Technique	A way of doing something in a certain way
Previous	Something that had already been done
Significant	An important thing or event

Year Group: 2 Spring	Topic Title: Fire Fire!
Word	Definition
Colleague	A person you work with
Widespread	Something that spreads for a long distance
Minimise	To keep something to the smallest
Submit	To give in to something
Infer	To guess what is being said by how something is presented
Summary	A way of only including the important parts
Consult	To speak with others
Debate	To discuss both sides of an argument with others
Contrast	To note the differences between things
Justify	To give reasons for your thoughts
Structure	The shape or form of something
Source	A place where something starts

Year Group: 2 Summer		Topic Title: Food for Life	
Word	Definition		
Benefit	Giving someone an advantage		
Authority	A group or establishment that oversees others		
Specific	To be clear about one thing		
Circumstance	The condition or state of a situation		
Ensure	To make sure		
Duration	The length of time		
Mediate	To work through a problem to bring peace		
Displace	To remove something from its main home or		
Conflict	A war		
Domestic	Something within the home		
Demonstrate	To show how to do something		

Year Group: 3 Autumn		Topic Title: Finding out form Fossils	
Word	Definition		
Invoke	To call for help or prayer		
Passive	Do not take an active part		
Scenario	Outline of an event		
Temporary	Only for a short period of time		
Exhibit	Something being shown to		
Reinforce	To make stronger		
Extract	To take out		
Mode	A particular form or type of something		
Isolate	To place on its own		
Statistic	A number representing something		
Promote	To encourage something		
Relevant	The most important documents or information		
Distinct	To make stand out		
Restrict	To hold in ,restrain or reduce amount		
Invest	To put more into		
Culture	I thought meant of the mind in understanding the art and other areas of human experience		

Year Group 3 Spring	Topic Title: Bella Italia
Word	Definition
Collapse	Fall down or be destroyed
Supplement	To have as an extra
Revolution	When one group of people stand against another
Restrain	To hold back from others
Diminish	To reduce
Clarify	To make clear
Currency	Type and choice of money
Via	By way of
Conform	To stick to one way of doing something
Annual	Every year
Access	A way in
Proportion	A portion of something
Obtain	To gain something
Principle	The first and important part
Interpret	To understand
Income	By coming in usually referring to an amount of money

**Year Group: 3  
Summer**

**Topic Title: Magnificent Machines**

Word

Definition

Compile

To put things together

Distort

To change or make difficult to see

Practitioner

A person who delivers a practise skill

Contradict

To say the opposite to another's view

Radical

New and different points of view

Explicit

To make clear to others

Trace

To go over allowing that is already there

Expose

To make something stand out

Discrete

To do something in a hidden way

Approximate

To give an estimate or rough answer

Implement

To put into place

Adequate

The bright amount of something

Exclude

To not allow something called someone in

Dominate

To control others in a forceful way

Context

To put something into a surrounding/context that they understand

Year Group: 4 Autumn	Topic Title: Inside Out
Word	Definition
Undergo	To take on and complete
Cease	To stop
Conform	To do as the rules say
Terminate	To end something
Successor	Someone who is to step into a role of responsibility
Utilise	To use something
Diverse	Varied or different collection of things
Furthermore	Another word for also to add things
Reject	To refuse or say no to
Modify	To improve a way or form
External	Something or someone from the outside
Substitute	To put something in instead of something else
Transit	To move one place to another
Considerable	A large amount of something
Distribute	To hand out to others
Evident	To make clear something

Year Group: 4 Spring	Topic Title: Plant in Peril
Word	Definition
Convince	To persuade someone to do something
Suspend	Just stop something
violate	To impose someone or something with violence
Accumulate	To collect many together
Eliminate	To remove something completely
Initiate	Just start something
Stable	To make something firm and unmoving
Professional	Someone who takes orders specific role or
Potential	Something that could be
Strategy	I type of plan with a clear aim
Finance	To refer to money
Legal	To be within the law
Analyse	To look closely at something and consider what it means

**Year Group: 4 Summer****Topic Title: The Groovy Greeks**

Word

Definition

Maintain

To keep in the same way

Correspond

To communicate with someone, usually by writing

Instance

A general truth

Valid

To the point or clear or true

Instance

A fact or example brought forward

Undertake

To take on a job

Assign

To give a task to another

Transmit

To move something from one place to another

Differentiate

To identify the difference between

Accompany

To be alongside someone

Accommodate

To allow space for someone or something

Confine

To reduce and stop someone or somethings

Commence

To begin

Intermediate

To act between others

Adjacent

Next to or enar something else

Year Group: 5 Autumn	Topic Title: Into Africa
Word	Definition
Manipulate	Title or reposition something
Bias	A tendency to favour or dislike something or someone
Denote	To indicate something
Hierarchy	A fee of people with ranks or grades with one above
Comprise	An item of ingredients to put something together
Advocate	Person who supports or recommend someone
Dynamic	Standing out or moving forwards from the others
Somewhat	Some part or amount of something
Comprehensive	Including a large scope or many of
Proceed	To move forwards
Incentive	To encourage someone to do something
Nevertheless	Despite all our things
Neutral	To not take sides
Discriminate	To treat to treat a person or group of people in an unjust way based on their race, gender or other good thing
Enhance	To make better
Enforce	To make stronger
Amend	To change
Notion	A belief or theory or opinion
License	Permission to do something
Confer	To discuss

Year Group: 5 Spring	Topic Title: Reach for the Stars
Word	Definition
Controversy	A problem where there are two opposing opinion
Qualitative	Relating to making judgements of quality
Infrastructure	Active term for the many parts of something to make one complete structure
Deviate	To break away from 1 opinion or truth or pathway
Contemporary	Put into the same time in history or
Exploit	To make full
Perspective	One particular point of view
Dimension	Measure length breadth thickness area or volume of something
Mechanism	Part of a mechanical item that joins together to make something work
Specify	To be clear about one thing
Economy	The production and consumption of goods and services
Concept	An idea
Consist	Another word to make something up of
Occur	Another word for a happening or event
Aspect	A part of a problem thought or idea
Regulate	To control or modify something
Region	A geographical area
Acquire	To gain something
Compute	To calculate or understand something better usually with use of a computer

Year Group: 5 Summer	Topic Title: A River's Tale
Word	Definition
Forthcoming	Due to be starting soon
Nonetheless	Another word for nevertheless or despite
Notwithstanding	Prepositional object
Intrinsic	Belonging to the thing itself
Implicit	Employed by somebody but not clearly expressed
Intense	Very strong or acute in manner
Fluctuate	Something that can change
Inevitable	Something that will happen eventually
Prospect	Expect station of doing something/ clearly visible
Apparent	To make clear
Consent	To give permission or agree
Component	A part of something that is required to make a hold
Deduce	To work out the answer of something with only some information
Negate	To consider
Corporate	A large company or business
Mutual	Something that people have in common
Compatible	Existing together in the same way
Erode	To break apart or to break away from something

Year Group: 6 Autumn	Topic Title: Peace
Word	Definition
Intervene	To come between people or an action
Thereby	By means of, because of
Ambiguous	Having different possible meaning
Welfare	The state or condition of doing or being well
Parameter	An independent variable, often used in mathematics
Integrate	To bring together many different kinds of things
Regime	An authoritarian ruling group
Civil	A war within one country/ to make a group of people civil/ to be civil
Liberal	Free in giving
Whereby	By means of/from which
Convene	To come together for common purpose
Paradigm	A typical instance of something- an example.
Contrary	The opposite , to strive against
Ideology	A scheme of ideas- usually relating to politics
Motive	A desire, a reason or an argument for doing something
Ministry	A government department
Pursue	To follow or to hunt to destroy
Fundamental	Forming an important part of a system
Impose	Something to be imposed upon or subdued to
Constrain	To force someone to do something

Year Group: 6 Spring	Topic Title: Being Human
Word	Definition
Concurrent	Running together in parallel lines
Coherent	Clear in speech and thought
Arbitrary	An idea created from opinion or preference
Simulate	To imitate or pretend a way or thing
Phenomenon	A particular thing that appears or is observed
Underlie	To undergo or suffer under something
Sustain	To keep in a certain state for a period of time
Entity	Something that has a real existence
Scope	An area which an activity operates
Hypothesis	A starting idea of what may happen
Prohibit	To stop and not allow
Legal	Of or relating to law
Constitute	To make up- to form to compose
Facilitate	To make easier or move forward
Commission	A command to act in a particular way
Innovate	To change adapt and create something new
Subsidy	Money supplied by a group to reduce the overall cost of something
Rational	A reason created with thoughtful reflection and based on good reasons
Revenue	Incoming money from the loan of buildings or places
Administrate	To manage or run

Year Group: 6 Summer	Topic Title: Changing States
Word	Definition
Domain	A district or region under control
Sufficient	An amount that is enough
Inhibit	To slow down or prevent
Orient	To place oneself in a certain way- sometimes against a compass
Psychology	The study of nature and development of the human mind
Implicate	To involve or name a person in a criminal charge
Compensate	To make equal return to
Equate	To treat or represent as the same as
Consequent	As a result of
Reside	To dwell permanently- to live as a home.
Acknowledge	To accept the existence of the truth
Abstract	Denoting an idea
Whereas	Introducing a statement of fact of the opposing idea
Immigrate	To come to settle permanently in another country
Philosophy	Knowledge that deals with reality and the existence of nature
Migrate	Usually of an animal to move from region to another
Attribute	To refer to as a cause of something
Incorporate	To put into or include in the body of something else
Perceive	To become aware of and see with the mind
Institute	A society or foundation of some professional of being e.g- science

