

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

EYFS Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2022/2023



The children will be learning to count through games and songs. We will be sorting objects according to shape, size and colour. We will also be encouraging children to use mathematical language through play such as 'more, less, fewer, big small. You can support your child at home by looking for numbers in the environment.



We will focus on two wonderful books this term:

My Very First Mother Goose and **Hello Friend**. We will develop comprehension skills by asking the children to retell simple stories and talk about their favourite books. Children will take part in daily phonic sessions. There will be lots of opportunities for mark making or writing. We will be teaching children to write their name with correct letter formation.

Physical development

We will be encouraging children to move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing. Children will be using the outdoor climbing equipment to develop their control and coordination. We be developing fine motor skills in fun and engaging activities such as threading, squeezing playdough, painting, pegs, etc. PE lessons will begin after Christmas.

Autumn 1: All About Me



Autumn 2: Autumn



Reminders

Please make sure you have set up an account on Tapestry, there are some lovely first day pictures to look at!

Watch this Space!

Children will need wellies for Forest School – more information will follow!



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RE topics this term are **Myself, Welcome** and **Families**

The children will be learning our school prayers and the sign of the cross. We will also be learning hymns such as *If I Were a Butterfly* and *He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*

We will talking about our special mission statement 'Love one another as I have loved you' and how we can be more like Jesus.

Understanding the World

We will be talking about the world around us and people and places that are familiar to us. We be sharing family photos (a request for photos will follow shortly!) and talking about what we enjoy doing as a family. Forest school will begin in a few weeks, the children will be exploring the wonders of nature in the small forest area within the school grounds.



Expressive Arts and Design



We will be singing lots of nursery rhymes and learning new songs. Children will be engaging in role play activities such as the home corner and market stalls. We children will be exploring a range of materials to create pictures and collages.







Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be supporting the children to settle into school life and adjust to new routines. We will spend time learning the school rules. Children will be encouraged to talk about their feelings and use the 'worry monster' if needed.



Home Learning Activities

When you have completed a task bring it into school to share with the class.

<p>Ask a grown up to take a photo of you doing something amazing and upload it onto Tapestry</p> 	<p>Draw or paint a picture of yourself.</p> 	<p>Make some Jam Tarts like the Queen of Hearts</p> 
<p>Make Incy Wincy Spider out of a paper plate.</p> 	<p>.Practise writing your name.</p> 	<p>In October go on an Autumn walk and make a collection of Autumn treasures such as conkers, acorns etc.</p> 

Prayer Focus

Our worship and prayer throughout the year is guided by the Liturgical calendar of the Church, with themes each week based on the Gospel reading for each Sunday. Alongside this we will have specific focus each month on the following themes:

- a) September: Being a Missionary Disciple
- b) October: Our Lady of the Rosary
- c) November: Remembrance
- d) December: Our Advent Journey



Supporting your child at home...

Reading

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that reading experiences are positive so that they learn to read for pleasure. Reading to your child, sharing books with your child and listening to and praising your child's reading play a vital part of the process.

Children will either access texts from our Big Cat eBook Library or from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme depending on their phonics knowledge. Every child will also have a free choice books from the School Library to share and enjoy with you.

Healthy child, Healthy mind!

CHILDREN Sleep Tips!



Bedtime Routine
with activities & habits the same every night



Consistent Bedtime
that allows the needed amount of sleep – during weekend too



Daily Exercise
to burn energy & increase body temperature



Set the Scene
with a calm atmosphere in a room that's cool & dark



Small Snack
before bed that is light & healthy - so not hungry



TURN OFF DEVICES
at least an hour before bedtime

Online tools to support learning

