

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2022/2023



In year 1, each morning on arrival every child will develop their arithmetic skills through a set of questions.

This half term we will be looking at number and place value. Within this topic we will focus upon both addition and subtraction. There will also be an opportunity for the children to explore shape and further develop their knowledge of both 2D and 3D shapes.

Farm to Fork



Our topic this term is Farm to Fork. The children will find out about the four seasons of the year and how the weather changes with each season. We will have an opportunity to be a weather presenter and demonstrate our knowledge of different weather types.

Reminders

PE days:
Class 3 and 4: Tuesday and Thursday.
Full PE kit to be worn to school.

Watch this Space!

Details of the Year 1 trip will be shared soon.

RE



Our RE teaching over this term will begin by focussing on 'Families' and learning about God's love and care for each and every family. Learning will then move to on to our 'Belonging' topic which will focus on Baptism and how it is an invitation to belong to God's family. Our final focus of this term is 'Loving' where children will learn about advent being a time to look forward to Christmas.



Reading, phonics and writing continues to be taught. This is where children are taught how to improve their written work through looking at word choices, punctuation and spelling. Reading lessons will focus on reading fluency and understanding. We will also explore fiction and non-fiction texts. This is further supported through our Power of Reading sequences where we explore new texts and authors. Modelled and shared writing lessons will focus on reading work to make sure it makes sense and starting to use punctuation correctly.

The children will be discovering their five senses and looking at how we use them in our lives. We will explore the senses through a range of practical experiences



Humanities



This term's focus is Farm to Fork. Learning will include using local maps, to identify where we live and the community around us. In history we will be looking at how farming in the past is different from farming now.

Creative Learning



In Art we will be concentrating on the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo and Jason Mecier, creating works of art using different foods. In D.T we will be designing our own healthy snacks.



PSHE



Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon 'me and my relationships'. We will look into why we have classroom rules and discuss our feelings as well as what makes a good friend.

Farm to Fork Home Learning Project

Please complete each task over the term at home and have them in school by Monday 7th November.

The best way to manage your time will be to complete one task per week.

As soon as you have completed a task, bring it into school to share with the class.



Create a map or picture of a farm.
How many different places will you see?
What might be growing on your farm?
Have you visited a farm?



We will be learning about our 5 senses, try exploring your senses at home. Play a listening game, taste something new, look closely at an object, identify something just by smell or touch.
Take some photos to share in class.



How many farm animals can you name?
Make a list with pictures and words?
Do you know what the young animals are called?



We will be looking at the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo – Try recreating some fruit art.



In maths we will learning how to write numbers in words and numerals-practice at home.
How many can you write in one minute?



WILD CARD: Use your imagination and surprise us by creating something else linked to our topic!

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

