

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2022/2023



We will start the term by recapping place value. We will be thinking about how many tens and ones make up a number. This will be followed by a unit on addition and subtraction. For the second half of the term we will continue with addition and subtraction and finish with a focus on money. Our work on place value and addition and subtraction will help the children problem solve using money.

### Inspirational Women

**Our focus this term will be all about inspirational women!**

**We will be looking at inspirational women throughout history and from all parts of the world! We will also look at how they have changed the way we live now.**



Reading, writing and SPaG continues to be taught daily. Reading lessons will focus on segmenting and blending, reading fluency and accuracy as well as skills to further develop comprehension. This will be further supported through our Power of Reading teaching sequences which focus on journeying through a text. Daily SPaG lessons will feed directly into our writing. Modelled and shared writing lessons lead to the children planning, drafting, editing and improving their writing.

Our focuses this term are: animals including humans and living things and their habitats. Children will look after chicks and learn about how to keep healthy. We will also explore habitats and how to classify objects.



### Reminders

PE days:

Class 5 – Wednesday and Friday

Class 6 - Wednesday and Friday.

Full PE kit to be worn to school. No earrings to be worn on PE days.



### RE



**Beginnings:** We will be focussing on the Creation story and on new beginnings we might encounter.  
**Signs and Symbols:** We will be looking at different signs and symbols we will see around the Church and learning about Baptism.  
**Preparations:** We will be thinking about how we can prepare for Christmas and the birth of Jesus.



### Humanities



This term's focus is inspirational women. Learning will include understanding the lives of many different inspirational women throughout history. In Geography, we will be looking at mapping the world and focussing on where the inspirational women came from.

### Creative Learning



In Art, we will be looking at various portraits throughout history and using these as inspiration for our own self-portraits.  
In DT, we will be focussing on food technology and learning about healthy food.



### PSHE



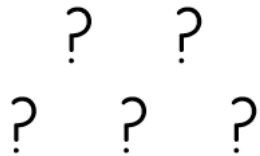





Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon our relationships with ourselves and one another and valuing the differences in everyone.

## Inspirational Women Home Learning Project

Please complete each task over the term at home and have them in school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

		
<p>Write questions you would ask an inspirational woman.</p>	<p>Create a poster or fact sheet about an inspirational woman you have learnt about at home.</p>	<p>Write about an inspirational woman you know.</p>
		
<p>Create a piece of art with the theme of inspirational women.</p>	<p>Write a newspaper report about an inspirational woman's life.</p>	<p><u>WILD CARD:</u> Use your imagination and surprise us by creating something else linked to our topic!</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

