

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2022/2023



We will start the term looking at place value and remembering which columns we use for ones, tens, hundreds and thousands.

We will work on developing our fluency and using more efficient written methods for the addition and subtraction of three and four-digit numbers.

In the second part of the term, we will extend our knowledge of times tables and develop written methods for multiplication and division.

GOING GLOBAL

This term, our topic is Going Global.

In the past, travel and transport was very limited, so ancient civilisations such as Egypt were very restricted.



Today, transport is much easier, so both travel and trade have expanded.

We often eat fruit and vegetables from different countries, and use raw materials from across the world.

How does that impact our daily lives?

Reminders

PE days: Wednesday and Friday.
Full PE kit to be worn to school on those days.

Children have been given water bottles which will remain in school. They do not need to bring their own.

RE



This term, we have three focuses in RE.

People: We will be looking at the family of God in scripture. We will explore our own family trees and compare them with that of Jesus.

Called: We will explore the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and what belonging to the church and other groups is like.

Gift: We will reflect on God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus and what that means for us in our daily lives.

Humanities

During the first half term, we will focus on Ancient Egypt. The children will develop an understanding of chronology and learn about the daily lives of Ancient Egyptians, their leaders and the contrasts between the rich and the poor.



In the second half term, we will study maps of the world and explore trade, tourism, and transportation.

Creative Learning



Art lessons will be linked to the study of Ancient Egypt. We will explore Ancient Egyptian artwork and create artefacts in a similar style.

In DT classes, we will be investigating pneumatics and making our own working models.



PSHE



In PSHE this term, we will explore relationships and our rights and responsibilities.



Reading, writing, spelling and grammar will be taught daily. Reading lessons will focus on reading fluency, speed and accuracy as well as the skills to develop comprehension. This will be supported through our Power of Reading teaching sequences that focus on journeying through our new book Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx. Modelled and shared writing lessons will give the children the opportunity to plan, draft, edit and improve their writing.

Our Science topic for this term is Sound.

We will be focusing on the different sounds around us, identifying different sources of sounds as well as looking at how sound travels and how we perceive and understand it.






Going Global 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.

			
Ancient Egypt: Create a model of a pyramid use any materials you can find.	Maths: Make and/or cook a recipe at home, using your maths skills!	Sound & Ancient Egypt: Write a song or a rap about Ancient Egypt and practise performing it!	Art & Ancient Egypt: Research and design an Ancient Egyptian piece of jewellery!
			
World maps & Ancient Egypt: Plan a holiday in Egypt! Where will you stay? How will you get there? What will you visit while you're there?	Sound: Make a musical instrument that you can play! How could you make it louder, quieter or get it to make different sounds?	Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx and RE: Create a family tree for your family, just like the one we made for Professor Brownstone.	Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx: In Marcy's room, we saw her globe, her vase, and her books. Make a 'shrine' box where you include items that fascinate you!

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

