

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

EYFS Curriculum Newsletter: Spring Term



The children will have lots of opportunities to count a range of natural objects and mathematical equipment such as Numicon and cubes. We will continue to work on the concept of subitising so that when children look at a small group of dots, for example, they will not need to count them but just say what they see. We will be comparing numbers within 10 and working on 1 more/1 less.



Our focus texts this term are **Biscuit Bear**, **We're Going on a Bear Hunt**, **Errol's Garden** and **I Will Not Never Ever Eat a Tomato**. We will use these texts to gain a good understanding of story structure and to learn new vocabulary. Children will be encouraged to read cvc words and simple sentences independently and show a good understanding of what they have read. Children will have lots of opportunities to develop writing skills such as writing lists, recipes, and cards.

Physical development

We will begin PE lessons after the February half term (more information to follow) During PE lessons we will be focusing on developing control and balance when using large apparatus. We will also be developing our gross motor skills by building with large apparatus and making obstacle courses outside. We will be developing our fine motor skills by practising our scissor skills and our pencil control.

Spring 1:

Bears, Bears, Bears



Spring 2:

Growing



Reminders

We do outdoor learning in the forest every Wednesday - children need wellies every week as it can get very muddy!

Watch this Space!

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RE



Our RE topics this term are **Celebrating**, **Gathering** and **Growing**. We will be learning about how people celebrate in Church as well as looking forward to Easter towards the end of the term. We will be reading lots of different bible stories and talking about the special messages within them. We will be joining the school for collective worship during assemblies and church services. We will also continue to learn new hymns such as *This Little Light of Mine* and *Shine Jesus Shine*.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring how things were different in the past and comparing old and new teddy bears. We will also be making maps and describing journeys within our local environment. We will continue our outdoor learning sessions and will be comparing different plants and animals.

Expressive Arts and Design



We will be mixing colours to produce different shades and combining materials to create different textures. We will be making up stories through role play and small world play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be using a wonderful book called **The Colour Monster** to encourage children to talk about the emotions we experience and the different ways we can express them. We will also be encouraging children to complete tasks independently.

Home Learning Activities

When you have completed a task send it into school to share with the class or we would love to see the photos on Tapestry.

Use your phonic skills to help a grown up write a shopping list.



Make some number cards and put them on a washing line in the right order.



Draw a picture of your favourite teddy bear and label the different parts.



Get creative and make a map from the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt



Share some bible stories with your family. Draw a picture of your favourite and write a sentence about it



Plant a seed and watch it grow. Write a set of instructions of how to plant a seed.



Supporting your child at home...

Reading

Please listen to your child read every day to support them in becoming a fluent reader and to build their 'reading mileage'. Explaining the meaning of unfamiliar words and talking about the book will help your child process and understand what they are reading. Reading to your child is a great way to model how a story should be read using expression, punctuation and intonation. If your child is accessing Phonics teaching, they will bring home a Collins Little Wandle book matched to their phonetic ability. They may also have a sharing book to read with your support and a free choice book from our School Library.

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

Prayer Focus

There are two prayers that we pray regularly in addition to our Morning Offering, Lunchtime Prayer and Home Time Prayer. These are the Hail Mary and the Our Father.

Please practise these with your child so that they know them and understand the meaning behind them, which will support our prayer focus in school.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among
women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen

Online tools to support learning

