

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring Term



Each morning the children will continue to develop and practise their arithmetic skills during our RAM session.

RAM begins at 8.45 so please make sure that your child arrives on time.

During Maths lessons, the children will focus on numbers and place value within 20 before moving to 50. Children will build upon their addition and subtraction skills before exploring length, height, mass and volume.



Reading, phonics and writing continues to be taught daily. SPaG skills are taught so that children can 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 developing their understanding of the Weather along with seasonal changes. We will also be ordering and writing the months of the year to help with our science.



Kingdom



Our topic this term is Kingdom. The children will find out about the kingdom in which we live and its surrounding areas. Children will also learn about the people in charge of our kingdom both past and present.

Reminders

Year 1 PE days:
Tuesday and Thursday.
Full PE kit to be worn to school.

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No earrings or jewellery for PE.
Library books changed on a Wednesday.



RE



Our Community topic will explore the special people in our lives and how they are there to help us. They will learn that in church we meet people who do special jobs as we celebrate the Good News of Jesus.

Our learning will then move to how the parish family gathers for the Eucharist (Mass), Jesus' special meal and how we find strength in gathering for the celebration of God's love in our lives.

We will then focus on Lent. Children will learn and understand that Lent is a time when we change and grow as we prepare for the celebration of Easter.



Humanities



This term's focus is Kingdoms. Learning will include using local maps, to identify continents and oceans around us. In History we will be looking at Kings and Queens of the United Kingdom.

Creative Learning



In Art we will be concentrating on the work Claude Monet and Anthony Gormley. These artists have used the seaside as inspiration for their work. The children will have the opportunity to recreate our own art pieces.



PSHE



Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon 'Keeping safe'. Within this unit we will discuss who can help us and the importance of super sleep!

Kingdom Home Learning Project

Please complete each task at home and have them all in school by Friday 24th March so that you can showcase your learning. 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.



We will be learning about our new King.
What can you find out about King Charles?



Do you know all the months of the year?
Can you say them in order? Do you know
which month your birthday is in?



In maths we will be measuring in lots of
different ways. How many ways can you
measure items at home?



In Art lessons we are looking at Anthony
Gormley's sculptures.
Create a sculpture similar to his.



We will be learning about castles and
imagining what it is like to live in a castle.
Make an interesting fact file all about
castles.



WILD CARD:
Use your imagination and
surprise us!

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.

Children 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 sites to support learning:

