

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring Term



We will start the term by learning how to complete addition word problems. We will then spend the remainder of the term developing skills involving division, subtraction, missing numbers and fractions.

For the second half of the term, we will help the children to prepare for their SATs in May by consolidating learning and supporting children with any skills they may not yet be secure with.

### Around the world!

**Our focus this term will be all about the world we live in!**

**We will be looking at different countries and how these are similar or different to the United Kingdom.**



### 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



**Books:** We will be exploring the different types of books within the Bible, with a focus on the Gospel Books.

**Thanksgiving:** We will be looking at why we say thank you to people and also learning about the Eucharist.

**Opportunities:** We will be thinking about Lent and Ash Wednesday, leading us on to learning about Easter.



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 materials and plants. We will be looking at the materials objects are made from and the properties of the materials. We will also explore what plants need to survive and help them grow.



### Humanities



The children will learn about different countries and explore any differences and similarities they may have in comparison to our own country. We will focus particularly on Australia and Africa. We will also be looking at local history and learning about Wellingborough Zoo.

### Creative Learning



During Art lessons, we will be looking at landscape paintings and using these to create our own landscape drawings.

We will focus on the work of John Ndambo.

During DT lessons, we will be exploring frame structures before creating our own.



### PSHE



Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon doing our best, respecting others and growing and changing.

## Around the world Home Learning Project

Please complete each task at home and have them all in school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

		
<p>Write questions you would like to find out about a country.</p>	<p>Create a poster or fact sheet about a country you have learnt about at home.</p>	<p>Create a 3D model of a famous landmark.</p>
		
<p>Create a piece of art in a traditional style from another country.</p>	<p>Write a newspaper report about Wellingborough Zoo.</p>	<p><b>WILD CARD:</b> Use your imagination and surprise us by creating something else linked to our topic!</p>

## 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.

<u>Hail Mary</u>	<u>Our Father</u>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>

## 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

## Online tools to support learning

