

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring Term



We will start the term focusing on multiplication and division to consolidate our understanding and become more fluent. This will be followed by a unit on Measurement (money) and then Statistics. We will then explore Measurement, focusing on Length and Perimeter before we learn more about Number and Fractions! Please encourage your child to regularly access their TT Rock Stars account. This will create a solid foundation of times table knowledge.



We will continue to focus on Reading, Writing, Phonics and SPAG each day. Reading lessons will focus on reading fluency, speed and accuracy as well as skills to further develop comprehension skills. We will continue to teach from the Power of Reading scheme, starting the term with 'The King Who Banned the Dark.' Children will be given many opportunities to plan, draft, edit and improve their writing for various purposes, such as persuasive writing, narrative writing and information texts.

Firstly we will focus on "Light and Shadows." Children will be investigating light sources and how shadows are created. We will then learn about 'Magnets and Forces' which will also be full of opportunities to become Scientists and investigate together!



THE EMPIRE

Over the course of the term children will look at the Roman Empire. We will become historians to explore the impact of the Roman Empire on the world. We will then learn all about Europe as we further develop our understanding of the world in our Geography lessons.



Reminders

PE Days are **Tuesday** and **Friday** for both classes.
Full PE kit to be worn to school.



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Journeys: We will explore a journey throughout the year before learning about the Christian family's journey with Jesus through the Church's year.

Listening and Sharing: We will explore how being thoughtful for life, for people and for gifts is a vital part of our relationships with one another.

Giving and Caring: We will learn about ways in which life, especially family life or life in school, is full of opportunities for self - giving.



Humanities



This term's focus is the Romans. During History lessons, we will look at what life during the time of the Roman Empire and the impact that it had. In Geography, we will then focus on Europe and learn more about the different countries.



Creative Learning



In Art, we will be comparing our family lives to those depicted by artists during Roman Times as well as spotlighting the Dutch artist Rembrandt. We will also be learning about the Sculptor Susan Lordie.



PSHE



Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus on 'Safe or Unsafe' and 'Helping each other to stay safe.' We will explore many issues and scenarios and discuss multiple ways to keep safe,

The Empire Home Learning Project

Please complete at least three of these tasks between Monday 16th January and Monday 20th February.
As soon as you have completed a task, bring it into school to share with the class.

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| Create a map of Europe detailing the different countries and capital cities. | Research and create a fact-file on daily life in Roman Britain. | Create a poster with advice on how to stay safe online? | Research and then make a Roman shield. What design will you create? |
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| Create a piece of art connected to The Roman Empire. For example, create your own mosaic. | Create your own timeline that details the events throughout the period of The Roman Empire. | Carry out an investigation into Light and Shadows. How will you present your findings? | <u>WILD CARD:</u> 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. 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

