

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter: Summer Term



This half term we are counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and beginning multiplication by adding equal groups, and division by sharing. We will find halves and quarters of shapes and amounts and look at position and direction, including left and right.

In the second half of the term we will be looking at numbers to 100 in terms of tens and ones. We will be learning about money: recognising coins and notes and making amounts with coins. We will also be sequencing the days of the week and reading time on an analogue clock: o'clock and half past.



Reading, phonics and writing are taught daily. SPaG sessions teach the children how to improve their written work through a focus on word choices, punctuation and spelling. We will also study two new texts over the term through our Power of Reading sequences where we explore texts and authors. Modelled and shared writing lessons will focus on the children orally rehearsing sentences before writing. They will then read their written work to make sure it makes sense and is punctuated correctly.

In Science the children will be observing and finding out about plants. They will discover how a variety of seeds grow into plants and learn how to classify the different parts. We will also have the opportunity to plant our own seeds ☺



Explorers



Our topic this term is Explorers. The children will find out about their own country, other countries and oceans across the world.

We will investigate and interpret the past and find out about Christopher Columbus.

Reminders

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

Watch this Space!

Details of the Year 1 trip will be shared soon.

Phonic Screening Check

Week commencing 12th June



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Children will begin the term by learning that Pentecost is a special celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit, through whom the risen life of Jesus is given.

Concentrating on choices in the light of our belief in a loving God, the children will learn that there are times when we need to acknowledge our sorrow for making wrong choices and that the Church offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation which celebrates God's unconditional love for us. Our final topic teaches about God's gift of diversity in the world and its people. Jesus in His life and Gospel, challenges people to appreciate diversity and to create with it a harmony that reflects the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is reflected in the work of CAFOD, which the children will find out about.



Humanities



This term's focus is Explorers. Learning will include using world maps, atlases, and globes to identify the United Kingdom, as well as other countries, continents, and oceans. We will investigate and interpret the past and find out about Christopher Columbus.



Creative Learning



In Art We will be learn about the work of Henri Rousseau, concentrating on creating impressionist art works. In D.T we will be exploring different materials and constructing boats.



PSHE



Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. Children will also be supported with their transition to Year 2.

Explorers Home Learning Project

Please complete each task at home and have them all in school by Friday 30th June so that you can showcase your learning. The best way to manage your time will be to complete one task every two weeks.
As soon as you have completed a task, bring it into school to share with the class.



Create a map for an adventure that you would like to go on.
How many different places will you visit?



Make a list of all the things you would need on your adventure? Pack your bag or make a costume for your adventure. Bring in a photo to share with us.



Find out about a real explorer.
Where did they go? How long did it take and what did they discover?



Make a model of how you would travel on your adventure. It could be a car, boat or something else!

Date: _____ Location: _____

What we did: _____

Who came with us: _____

Best part of the day: _____

Draw an arrow to describe your day: _____

What? Why? Who? When? Where?

Write a story about being an explorer. Remember to include important information for us to read. Then you can make it into book to share with us.



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

During the Summer Term, our daily prayers are produced in partnership with Mission Together, which is the children's branch of Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission. Designed to coincide with the Feast St Peter and St Paul (29th June), the *Day of Many Colours* is Mission Together's annual day of celebration. It is a time to remind children that we belong to God's worldwide family and is based on the five 'continent' colours of the Mission Rosary. Each day, the children will focus on a different continent and pray the Mission Together Prayer which you could also pray at home.

Mission Together

Mission Together Prayer:

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love.
Now and forever.
Amen



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Online sites to support learning:

