

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2023/2024



We will start the term looking at place value, and remembering our 1s, 10s, 100s, and 1000s columns.

We will work on developing our fluency and using more efficient written methods for addition and subtraction of three and four-digit numbers.

In the second part of the term, we'll extend our knowledge of times-tables and develop written methods for multiplication and division.

GOING GLOBAL

This term, our topic is Going Global.

In the past, travel and transport was very limited, so ancient civilisations such as Egypt were very uniform.



Today, transport is much easier, so both travel and trade have expanded.

We often eat fruit and vegetables from different countries, and use raw materials from across the world. How does that impact our daily lives?

Reminders

PE days: Wednesday and Thursday.
Full PE kit to be worn to school on those days.

Children have been given water bottles which will remain in school. They do not need to bring their own. Children should read to an adult at home at least 5 times each week.

RE



People: We will be looking at the family of God in scripture. We will explore our own family trees and compare them with that of Jesus.

Called: We will explore baptism and confirmation, and what belonging to the church, but also other groups is like.

Gift: We will reflect on God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus, and what that means for us in our daily lives.

Humanities

In our learning the first half term, we will focus on Ancient Egypt. We will look at understanding chronology and learning about the daily lives of Ancient Egyptians, their leaders, and the contrasts between the rich and the poor.



In the second half term, we will look at maps of the world and explore trade, tourism, and transportations.



Reading, writing, spelling and grammar will be taught daily. Reading lessons will focus on reading fluency, speed 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 our new book Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx. Modelled and shared writing lessons lead to the children having the opportunity to plan, draft, edit and improve their writing.

Our Science topic for this term is Animals including Humans. We will be focusing on different parts of anatomy including the digestive system and the structure of the mouth.



Creative Learning



Our art lessons will be linked to the study of Ancient Egypt in our topic classes. We will be exploring ancient Egyptian artwork and creating artefacts in similar style. In DT classes, we will be investigating pneumatics and making our own working models.



PSHE



In PSHE this term, we will explore relationships and our rights and responsibilities.

HOMEWORK LEARNING PROJECTS – Please complete at least 6 of these and bring them in as soon as they are completed. We would like them completed by Friday 17th November.

<p>Ancient Egypt: Create a model of a pyramid</p>	<p>Maths: Make and/or cook a recipe at home, using your maths skills!</p>	<p>Sound & Ancient Egypt: Write a song or a rap about Ancient Egypt! Practice performing it!</p>	<p>Art & Ancient Egypt: Explore & design an ancient Egyptian piece of jewellery!</p>
			
<p>World maps & Ancient Egypt: Plan a holiday in Egypt! Where will you stay? How will you get there? What will you visit while you're there?</p>	<p>Sound: Make a musical instrument! Practice to play something on it – how could you make it louder or quieter?</p>	<p>Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx + RE: Create a family tree for your family just like the one we made for Professor Brownstone</p>	<p>Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx: In Marcy's room, we saw her globe, her vase, and her books. Make a 'shrine' box where you include items that fascinate you!</p>
			

Prayer Focus

In September, we pray with Pope Francis for people living on the margins of society.

'Serving the poor effectively moves us into action and makes it possible to find the most suitable ways of raising and promoting this part of humanity that all too often is anonymous and voiceless.' – Pope Francis

Lord Jesus,

You understand what it is like to be hungry. Teach us to have grateful and generous hearts. Forgive us when we make selfish choices or remain silent in the face of injustice.



Amen



Remember to download and register with the Class Dojo app for regular updates and to see all of your children's positive behaviour points!



ClassDojo

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'. Asking questions will also help your child to process and comprehend 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 are expected to have a book from our Reading Scheme (which is closely matched to their reading ability) 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

