

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2023



The children will explore Number and Place value. This will be followed by a unit on Addition and Subtraction. For the second half of the term, our focus will be on Multiplication, Division and the Measurement of Area and Perimeter.



Reading, writing and SPaG continues to 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 a text. Daily SPaG lessons will feed directly into our writing. Modelled and shared writing lessons lead to the children having the opportunity to plan, draft, edit and improve their writing.



PSHE



Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship.

Our focus is Space and Forces.

Children will learn about the different types of forces, the Solar System and the phases of the moon.

They will also be learning about how gravity influences us on the Earth and how we get day and night.



### AMAZING AMERICAS



#### How has the landscape and history of the Americas shaped the world we live in today?

The key question above will be our focus for this term and to which all our learning will be linked. We will need to apply our prior learning, analyse sources and complete our own research.

#### Reminders

PE days: Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
Full PE kit to be worn to school.



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**Ourselves:** Each person is made in the image and likeness of God. To know ourselves and to appreciate that our value and uniqueness is central to our wellbeing.

**Life Choices:** Through Baptism the Christian is called to a life of holiness and to the mission of spreading the Good News. That life may be lived out in different ways. Whatever life choices are made, the Christian is called to a commitment of holiness and service of others

**Hope:** Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, the promised one. It is preceded by the season of Advent, a time of preparation. It encourages believers to prepare for the Christ who comes each day. They also wait in joyful hope for Him to come in glory at the end of time.



#### Humanities



This term's focus is Amazing Americas. Learning will include understanding the two continents of the Americas and the different landmarks that can be found there. We will also be learning about the Mayans and the Aztecs and how their influence shaped North and South America.



#### Creative Learning

In Art, the children will study Architecture and use a variety of techniques to add interesting effects (e.g. reflections, shadows, direction of sunlight).

In DT, the children will combine elements of design from a range of inspirational designers throughout history, giving reasons for choices.

## Amazing Americas Home Learning Projects

Please complete each task over the term at home and have them in school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.  
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.

			
Create the solar system either using paint, collage or make it 3D!	Create a fact file about a famous American artist or architect.	Research and create a poster about a South American country.	Make a model or picture of your favourite landmark.
			
Find out the height of the five tallest building/monuments in North or South America.	Have a conversation with your grandparent/ parent. What was life like when they were your age? Present this information in any way you choose.	Follow a recipe to make an American dish. Remember to take lots of photos!	Research a North or South American landmark. What's the most interesting thing you can find?

### 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

