

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

EYFS Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2023



The children will be learning to count through games and songs. We will be sorting objects according to shape, size and colour. We will also be encouraging children to use mathematical language through play such as 'more, less fewer, big small. You can support your child at home by looking for numbers in the environment.



We will focus on four wonderful books this term: **My Very First Mother Goose, Hello Friend, The Gigantic Turnip** and **A New House for Mouse**. We will develop comprehension skills by asking the children to retell simple stories and talk about their favourite books. Children will take part in daily phonic sessions. There will be lots and lots of opportunities for mark making and writing.

Physical development

We will be encouraging children to move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing. Children will be using the outdoor climbing equipment to develop their control and coordination. We be developing fine motor skills in fun and engaging activities such as threading, squeezing playdough, painting, pegs, etc. PE lessons will begin after Christmas.

Autumn 1: All About Me



Autumn 2: Autumn



Reminders

Please make sure you have set up an account on Tapestry and Class Dojo.

Watch this Space!

All children will need a pair of wellies for our forest sessions – more information will follow shortly!



RE



RE topics this term are **Creation and Covenant** and **Prophecy and Promise**. The children will be learning our school prayers and the sign of the cross. We will also be learning hymns such as *If I Were a Butterfly* and *He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*

We will talking about our special mission statement 'Love one another as I have loved you' and how we can be more like Jesus.

Understanding the World



We will be talking about the world around us and people and places that are familiar to us. We be sharing family photos (a request for photos will follow shortly!) and talking about what we enjoy doing as a family. Forest school will begin in a few weeks, the children will be exploring the wonders of nature in the small forest area within the school grounds.

Expressive Arts and Design



We will be singing lots of nursery rhymes and learning new songs. Children will be engaging in role play activities such as the home corner and market stalls. We children will be exploring a range of materials to create pictures and collages.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be supporting the children to settle into school life and adjust to new routines. We will spend time learning the school rules. Children will be encouraged to talk about their feelings and use the 'worry monster' if needed.



Home Learning Activities

When you have completed a task bring it into school to share with the class.

<p>Ask a grown up to take a photo of you doing something amazing and upload it onto Tapestry</p> 	<p>Draw or paint a picture of yourself.</p> 	<p>Make some Jam Tarts like the Queen of Hearts</p> 
<p>Make Incy Wincy Spider out of a paper plate.</p> 	<p>Practise writing your name.</p> 	<p>In October, go on an Autumn walk and make a collection of Autumn treasures such as conkers, acorns etc.</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

