

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2023



### MATHS

In year 1, each morning on arrival every child will develop their arithmetic skills through a set of questions.

This half term we will be looking at number and place value. Within this topic we will focus upon both addition and subtraction. There will also be an opportunity for the children to explore shape and further develop their knowledge of both 2D and 3D shapes.

### Local life



Our topic this term is Local Life. The children will find out about the four seasons of the year and how the weather changes with each season. We will have an opportunity to be a weather presenter and demonstrate our knowledge of different weather types as well as learning all about Walter Tull!

### RE



Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in everyone. The feast of Pentecost is the celebration of the gift of God's Holy Spirit and the trust God places in people to be witnesses in the world. This term, we shall explore the universal church and the role of families. We will think about our role in our school, our church family and in the world.

### English

Reading, phonics and writing continues to be taught daily. Children will be encouraged on how to improve their written work through looking at word choices, punctuation and spelling. Reading lessons will focus on reading fluency and understanding. We will also explore fiction and non-fiction texts. This is further supported through our Power of Reading sequences where we explore new texts and authors. Modelled and shared writing lessons will focus on reading work to make sure it makes sense and starting to use punctuation correctly.

### Humanities



This term's focus is Farm to Fork. Learning will include using local maps, to identify where we live and the community around us. In history we will be looking at how farming in the past is different from farming now.

### Reminders

PE days:  
Class 3 and 4: Tuesday and Thursday.  
Full PE kit to be worn to school.

### Creative Learning



In Art, we will be concentrating on the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo and Jason Mecier, creating works of art using different foods. In D.T we will be designing our own healthy snacks.

The children will be discovering their five senses and looking at how we use them in our lives. We will explore the senses through a range of practical experiences



### Watch this Space!

Details of the Year 1 trip will be shared soon.

### SCARF







### PSHE

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Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon 'me and my relationships'. We will look into why we have classroom rules and discuss our feelings as well as what makes a good friend.

## Local Life Home Learning Project

Please complete at least three of these tasks. 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. We would like them all completed by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

		<b>Cat Dog Pig</b> 
Create a map of where you live. How do you get to school? Draw a map or write instructions.	Do a traffic survey outside your house. How many cars, trucks, bikes etc. drive past your house in 15 mins?	How many words or numbers can you write in a minute? Challenge everyone in your house!
		
Write a book review for your favourite book. Explain why you like it.	Make a weather chart for your house. Record the weather every day for your local area for 2 weeks. Bring in your chart to show us.	<b>WILD CARD:</b> 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'. 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

### 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!



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### Online tools to support learning

