

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2023/2024



We will start the term by recapping place value. We will be thinking about how many tens and ones make up a number. This will be followed by a unit on addition and subtraction. For the second half of the term we will continue with addition and subtraction and finish with a focus on shape. Every morning for this term the children will complete ten questions that focus on addition, subtraction and multiplication.

Inspirational Women

Our focus this term will be all about inspirational women!

We will be looking at inspirational women throughout history and from all parts of the world! We will also look at how they have changed the way we live now.



Reading, writing and SPaG continues to be taught daily. Reading lessons will focus on segmenting and blending, reading fluency 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 planning, drafting, editing and improving their writing.

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Beginnings: We will be focussing on the Creation story and on new beginnings we might encounter.
Signs and Symbols: We will be looking at different signs and symbols we will see around the Church and learning about Baptism.
Preparations: We will be thinking about how we can prepare for Christmas and the birth of Jesus.

Humanities



This term's focus is inspirational women. Learning will include understanding the lives of many different inspirational women throughout history. In Geography, we will be looking at mapping the world and focussing on where the inspirational women came from.

Reminders

PE days:

Wednesday and Friday

Full PE kit to be worn to school.
Please remove all jewellery.



Creative Learning



In Art, we will be looking at various portraits throughout history and using these as inspiration for our own self-portraits.
In DT, we will be focusing on food technology and learning about healthy food.

Our focuses this term are: animals including humans and living things and their habitats. Children will look after chicks and learn about how to keep healthy. We will also explore habitats and how to classify objects.



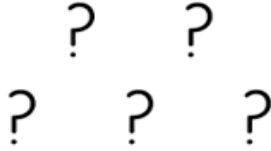





PSHE



Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon our relationships with ourselves and one another and valuing the differences in everyone.

Inspirational Women Home Learning Project

Please complete each task over the term at home and have them in school by Monday 13th 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.

		
<p>Write questions you would ask an inspirational woman.</p>	<p>Create a poster or fact sheet about an inspirational woman you have learnt about at home.</p>	<p>Write about an inspirational woman you know.</p>
		
<p>Create a piece of art with the theme of inspirational women.</p>	<p>Write a newspaper report about an inspirational woman's life.</p>	<p>WILD CARD: Use your imagination and surprise us by creating something else linked to our topic!</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

