

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

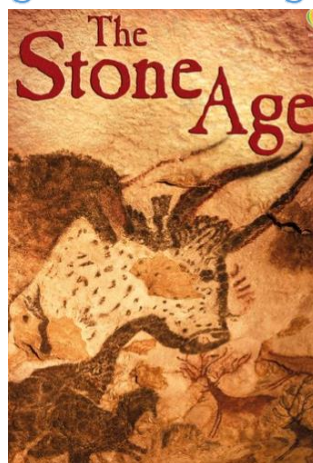
## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn Term 2023



We will start the term with a three-week unit on place value. This will be followed by a unit on addition and subtraction. For the remainder of the Autumn term, our focus will be on multiplication and division.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn term	Number			Number			Number					
	Place value			Addition and subtraction			Multiplication and division A					
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### Ages and Stages



Over the course of the term, the children will look at life in Stone Age Britain. We will then look further afield at how continents and oceans have developed over time.

### Reminders

PE Days are **Monday** and **Friday** for both classes.

Please wear full PE kit on these days,



### RE



**Homes:** In this topic, we explore how God is present in every home. This is expressed in the love that binds each family.  
**Promises:** This will focus on the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation and how they are the call to a new way of life.  
**Visitors:** For Christians, this topic emphasises the coming of God, in the person of Jesus, 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. He was not a passing visitor, but One who comes to dwell among us, the Word made flesh. The joyful expectation of Advent is an encouragement to take steps to recognise the coming of God into the world today, and to believe that in the future this same God will come again in glory.



Reading, writing, phonics 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.

Our focus is Rocks and Soil. Children will explore different types of rocks and become rock detectives! They will then investigate how planet Earth has different layers of rocks. Later in the term, we will move on to studying Animals and Humans.



### Humanities



This term's focus is Ages and Stages. In Geography, we will look at how our planet has changed and developed into the Oceans and Continents we know today. History will look at what life was like for our ancestors during Stone Age Britain.



### Creative Learning



In Art, we will be looking at how animals are portrayed through Art, we will begin by focussing on Stone Art and exploring cave paintings of animals. Our DT project, this term, will be a festive one where the children will be making Christmas stockings.









### PSHE



Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus on 'Valuing Differences' and 'Rights and Respect', where children will identify and value differences and diversity.

## Ages and Stages Home Learning Project

Please complete each task over the term at home and have them in school by 10<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.

		
<p>Create a world map detailing the Earth's oceans and continents.</p>	<p>Research and create a fact file on daily life in Stone Age Britain.</p>	<p>Tell us about you and your family using any media you like!</p>
		
<p>Create a 3D model of a Stone Age settlement using any materials you can find.</p>	<p>Create a piece of art connected to our 'Ages and Stages' theme.</p>	<p><b>WILD CARD:</b> 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

