

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

EYFS Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 2024



MATHS

Children will have lots of opportunities to count a range of natural objects and mathematical equipment such as Numicon and cubes. We will continue to work on the concept of subitising so that when children look at a small group of dots, for example, they will not need to count them but just say what they see. We will be comparing numbers within 10 and working on 1 more/1 less.

English

Our focus texts this term are **Biscuit Bear**, **We're Going on a Bear Hunt**, **Errol's Garden** and **I Will Not Never Ever Eat a Tomato**. We will use these texts to gain a good understanding of story structure and to learn new vocabulary. Children will be encouraged to read CVC words and simple sentences independently and show a good understanding of what they have read. Children will have lots of opportunities to develop writing skills such as writing lists, recipes and cards.

Physical development

We will begin PE lessons after the February half term (more information to follow). During PE lessons we will be focusing on developing control and balance when using large apparatus. We will also be developing our gross motor skills by building with large apparatus and making obstacle courses outside. We will be developing our fine motor skills by practising our scissor skills and our pencil control.

Spring 1:

Bears, Bears, Bears



Spring 2:

Growing



Reminders

We will continue our outdoor learning in the forest every Friday - children need wellies every week as it can get very muddy! Hats and gloves are handy too!

Watch this Space!

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RE



Our RE topics this term are **Galilee to Jerusalem** and **Desert to Garden**. Children will be sharing what we have seen and heard about the story of The Wise Men and of Jesus welcoming the children and feeding the crowd. We will be wondering how we can be more like Jesus and welcome people into our lives. We will be visiting the Church for our Ash Wednesday service and learning why Lent is such an important time. We will be learning the following hymns:

This Little Light of Mine and *Shine Jesus Shine*.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring how things were different in the past and comparing old and new teddy bears. We will also be making maps and describing journeys within our local environment. We will continue our outdoor learning sessions in the forest and will be comparing different plants and animals.

Expressive Arts and Design



We will be mixing colours to produce different shades and combining materials to create different textures. We will be making up stories through role play and small world play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be using a wonderful book called **The Colour Monster** to encourage children to talk about the emotions we experience and the different ways we can express them. We will also be encouraging children to complete tasks independently.

Home Learning Activities

When you have completed a task send it into school to share with the class or we would love to see the photos on Tapestry.

Use your phonic skills to help a grown up write a shopping list.



Make some number cards and put them on a washing line in the right order.



Draw a picture of your favourite teddy bear and label the different parts.



Get creative and make a map from the story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.



Share the bible story **The Feeding of the Five Thousand**. Make some bread together.



Plant a seed and watch it grow. Write a set of instructions of how to plant a seed.



Supporting your child at home...

Reading

Your child will bring home their Little Wandle decodable book each day. The decodable book will be familiar to your child and they should be able to read about 90% of the book confidently. The 'Parent Tips' at the front of the book are a great guide for working through the book. Your child will choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book from the Library. They may not be able to read this book independently so please enjoy reading it together. Reading to your child is a great way to help them engage with and develop a love of reading.

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 preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the Our Father which presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

It would be a source of great joy if you were able to pray the Our Father with your child at home.

**Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.**



Online sites to support learning:

