

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring Term 2024



In year 1, we will continue each morning to develop the children's arithmetic skills through a set of questions consolidating skills already taught.

This half term we will be looking at Number and Place Value within 20 and then to 50! Within this topic we will focus upon both Addition and Subtraction. There will also be an opportunity for the children to explore Length, Height, Mass and Volume.



Reading, Phonics and Writing continues to be taught daily and now SPaG sessions are also being introduced. This is where children are taught 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.

This term we will be developing an understanding of seasonal changes and how they affect us. We will be looking closely at naming the four seasons and what makes them unique.



### Kingdom



Our topic this term is called Kingdom. The children will find out about the Kingdom in which we live and its surrounding areas. They will also learn about those in charge of our Kingdom in both the past and present.

#### Reminders

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

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No earrings for PE days.  
Library Books will be changed every Monday.



### RE



In RE we will be looking at and thinking about people who are special to us. We will look at people who help us at school and within our church family. The children will reflect upon what happens within the Mass and how it is a special time where we all come together to celebrate. As part of this topic, we will explore religious stories including the story of 'Simeon and Anna' as well as 'The boy Jesus in the temple'.



### Humanities



This term's focus is Kingdoms. Learning will include using local maps, to identify the UK and oceans around us. In History we will be learning about Kings and Queens of the United Kingdom.

### Creative Learning



Art lessons will be focus on the work of Claude Monet and Anthony Gormley. These artists have used the Seaside as inspiration for their work. We will use our new knowledge to create our own art pieces.



### PSHE









Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon 'Keeping safe'. Within this unit we will discuss who can help us and the importance of super sleep!

## Kingdom Home Learning Project

Please complete at least five 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 4<sup>th</sup> March.



		
<p>We will be learning about our new King. What can you find out about King Charles?</p>	<p>Do you know all the months of the year? Can you say them in order? Do you know which month your birthday is in?</p>	<p>In Maths we will be doing measuring in lots of different ways .How many ways can you measure at home?</p>
		
<p>In Art we are learning about Anthony Gormley's sculptures. See if you can create a sculpture like his and then show us .</p>	<p>We will be learning about Castles and what it is like to live in a castle. Find out what you can about Castles. What do they look like? Who lives in a Castle?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WILD CARD</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Use your imagination and surprise us!</p>

### 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.

Remember to complete your new Reading Passport for the Spring Term!

### Healthy child, Healthy mind!

#### CHILDREN Sleep Tips!

	<p><b>Bedtime Routine</b> with activities &amp; habits the same every night</p>		<p><b>Consistent Bedtime</b> that allows the needed amount of sleep – during weekend too</p>
	<p><b>Daily Exercise</b> to burn energy &amp; increase body temperature</p>		<p><b>Set the Scene</b> with a calm atmosphere in a room that's cool &amp; dark</p>
	<p><b>Small Snack</b> before bed that is light &amp; healthy - so not hungry</p>		<p><b>TURN OFF DEVICES</b> at least an hour before bedtime</p>

### 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: