

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring Term 2024



We will start the term by recapping how to use column method for Addition and Subtraction. We will then spend the remainder of the term looking at Addition Word Problems, Division, Missing Numbers and Fractions.

For the second half of the term we will help the children prepare for their assessments in May by continuing to help fill identified gaps in knowledge.



Reading, writing and spelling 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. Modelled and shared writing lessons lead to the children planning, drafting, editing and improving their writing.

Our focuses this term are Materials and Plants. We will be exploring the different materials that objects are made from and the properties of materials. We will also explore what plants need to survive and we will observe them growing.



Around the world in 80 Days!

Our focus this term will be all about the world we live in!

We will be looking at different countries and how these are similar or different to the United Kingdom.



Reminders

Year 2 PE days:
Wednesday and Friday

Full PE kit to be worn to school. No earrings to be worn on PE days.



RE



Books: We will be focussing on different types of books and about the Gospel Books.

Thanksgiving: We will be looking at why we say thank you to people and also learning about the Eucharist.

Opportunities: We will be thinking about Lent and Ash Wednesday, leading us on to learning about Easter.



Humanities



This term's focus is Around the World. Learning will include understanding about different countries and how life there is different or the same as our own. We will focus particularly on Australia and Africa. We will also be looking at local history and learning about Wellingborough Zoo.

Creative Learning



In Art we will be looking at landscape paintings and using these to create our own landscape drawings. We will explore the work of John Ndambo.

In DT we will be using new knowledge and skills to create frame structures.



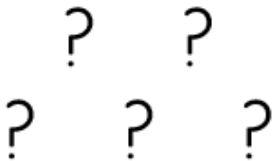




PSHE



Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon keeping safe, appropriate touch and medicine safety.

Around the world 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 4th March.

		
<p>Write questions you would like to find out about a country.</p>	<p>Create a poster or fact sheet about a country you have learnt about at home.</p>	<p>Create a 3D model of a famous landmark.</p>
		
<p>Create a piece of art in a traditional style from another country.</p>	<p>Write a newspaper report about Wellingborough Zoo.</p>	<p>WILD CARD: Use your imagination and surprise us by creating something else linked to our topic!</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.



Supporting your child at home...

Reading

Each day, your child will either bring home an Oxford Reading Tree book or a Little Wandle decodable book if they are receiving Phonics Teaching. Children should be able to read the book with around 90% accuracy. Daily reading practice at home will help your child to develop fluency skills which are the vital link between decoding and understanding. 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!



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 sites to support learning:

