

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring Term 2024



We will start the term focusing on Multiplication and Division to consolidate our understanding and become more fluent. We will then explore Measurement, focusing on Length and Perimeter before we learn more about Number and Fractions! We will also begin to explore Mass and Capacity. Please encourage your child to regularly access their TT Rock Stars account. This will create a solid foundation of times table knowledge.



We will continue to focus on Reading, Writing and SPAG each day. Reading lessons will focus on reading fluency, speed and accuracy as well as skills to further develop comprehension skills. We will continue to teach through the Power of Reading scheme, starting the term with *'The King Who Banned the Dark'*. Children will be given many opportunities to plan, draft, edit and improve their writing for various purposes, such as persuasive writing, narrative writing and information texts.

Firstly we will focus on 'Forces and Magnets.' Children will investigate different types of forces and learn about friction. We will investigate magnet strength and learn about uses for magnets. We will then continue to learn about light and shadows.



THE EMPIRE

Over the course of the term children will explore the Roman Empire. We will become historians to explore the impact of the Roman Empire on the world. We will then learn all about Europe as we further develop our understanding of the world in our Geography lessons.



Reminders

PE Days are **Monday** and **Friday**
Full PE kit to be worn to school.



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Journeys: We will explore a journey throughout the year before learning about the Christian family's journey with Jesus through the Church's year.

Listening and Sharing: We will explore how being thoughtful for life, for people and for gifts is a vital part of our relationships with one another.

Giving and Caring: We will learn about ways in which life, especially family life or life in school, is full of opportunities for self-giving.



Humanities



This term's focus is the Romans. During History lessons, we will look at what life was like during the time of the Roman Empire and the impact that it had. In Geography, we will then focus on Europe and learn more about the different countries.



Creative Learning



In Art, we will be comparing our family lives to those depicted by artists during Roman Times as well as the Dutch artist Rembrandt. In DT, we will be looking at information design and learn about using electronics in our designs.



PSHE



Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus on 'Safe or Unsafe' and 'Helping each other to stay safe.' We will explore many issues and scenarios and discuss multiple ways to keep safe,

The Empire Home Learning Project

Please complete each task over the term at home. 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>Create a map of Europe detailing the countries and capital cities.</p>	<p>Research and create a fact file on daily life in Roman Britain.</p>	<p>Research and make a Roman shield. What design will you create?</p>
		
<p>Create a piece of art linked to our Roman topic for example you could create your own mosaic.</p>	<p>Create a poster showing how to stay safe online.</p>	<p>Create and undertake your own investigation into forces and shadows. What can you find out?</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

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.

Your child will bring home a Reading Book from our scheme and a Reading for Pleasure book chosen by your child from the Library.

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:

