

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring Term 2024



This term, we will focus on Multiplication and Division, and apply it to daily situations and word problems. We will also build our knowledge and skills of Fractions and Decimal Numbers.

In our Measurements unit, we will focus on Length and Perimeter.

Picture This!

In our books this term, as well as in the history curriculum, we'll be excited to take snapshots of the daily lives of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.



Reading, writing and SPaG continue to be taught daily. Reading sessions will focus on fluency, speed and accuracy as well as skills to develop comprehension. Our Power of Reading teaching will focus on journeying through our texts, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' and 'The Vikings, Raiders, Traders and Adventures'. Modelled and shared writing lessons will lead to the children having the opportunity to plan, draft, edit and improve their writing. We will continue to follow the kinetic handwriting scheme in order to refine a joined writing style.

Our main focus will be electricity. We will explore how electric circuits work and what we need to make them successful. We will look at the wonderful opportunities electricity offers us, as well as the dangers it presents and how we can keep safe.



Reminders

PE days: Wednesday and Thursday.
Full PE kit to be worn to school.
Book bags with reading records and reading / library books every day please.



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Community: We will be exploring the ideas of community, as we believe the experience of community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith.
Giving and Receiving: The unit will focus on being thoughtful for life, for people and gifts. This is a vital part of our relationships with one another, and when praise and appreciation are experienced, we are enabled to relate on a deeper level.
Self-discipline: Self-discipline allows us to unite ourselves with Christ in order to grow, through the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



Humanities



This term's focus is on Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We will learn about key aspects of their daily lives and investigate how they continue to have an influence on our lives today. We will continue to explore maps focusing particularly on the countries of Europe.



Creative Learning



In Art we will be studying the Art Deco style - exploring its origins and key features as well as exploring some famous artists of this style. In Design and Technology, we will be exploring simple electronic games. We will design and create our own games using batteries as a power source.




PSHE



Our themes for PSHE this term will be based around identifying dangers and discussing strategies in order to keep ourselves safe as well as learning about our rights and responsibilities in different settings.

Home Learning Projects

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.

			
Make a map of Europe showing the different countries. Make a fact file about one of the countries!	Imagine you are an Anglo Saxon arriving in Britain. Write a letter describing your first impressions of the place!	Carry out research about Iceland – the home country of Arthur! Find a creative way to present your information.	Find a poem about a Viking. As a challenge, you can learn it by heart and recite it to the class.
			
Make a 3D model of a Viking ship!	Design and draw out your own burglar alarm, explaining how it would work!	Draw a Viking god and describe them. Why were they important?	Make a poster about keeping safe when using electric devices. Be creative!

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 their fluency skills and to build their 'reading mileage'. Asking questions about what is being read will also help your child to process and comprehend what they are reading.

Reading with your child is a great way to engage with and model how a story should be read using expression, punctuation and intonation. Your child will have a book from our Reading Scheme (which is closely matched to their reading ability) and a reading for Pleasure book from our School 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:

