

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

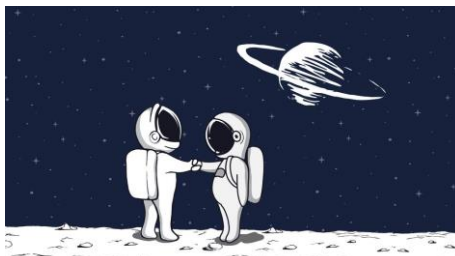
Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Summer Term



We will start the term by learning about time and this will be followed by a unit on measuring, which will focus on mass, capacity and temperature. We will also be working on consolidating our previous learning ready for our end of Key Stage Assessments.

For the second half of the term, our focus will be on statistics, position and direction.

Out Of This World!



Our focus this term will be all about space!

We will be exploring the Solar System alongside major space discoveries. At the end of the term we will visit the National Space Centre in Leicester!



Reading, writing and SPaG 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 teaching sequences 'Clever Writer', which focus on journeying through a text. Daily SPaG lessons will feed directly into our writing. Modelled and shared writing lessons lead to the children planning, drafting, editing and improving their writing.

Our focus for this term is Microhabitats and Plants. Children will learn how to identify microhabitats, classify a range of minibeasts, and plan and carry out experiments. They will also have a chance to grow a range of plants in different conditions.



Reminders

PE days:

Wednesday and Friday
Full PE kit to be worn to school.

End of Key Stage Assessments:

We will be completing the assessment papers throughout May. We are keeping this stress-free for the children and they are very used to the format.



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Spread the Word: We will be learning about Pentecost and how we can share the Word of God with others.
Rules: We will be focussing on the meaning of reconciliation and how we can follow rules.
Treasures: We will be looking at treasures around our world and exploring ways we can look after our world. We will also continue to explore other religions.



Humanities



This term's focus is space. Learning will include understanding the timeline of space travel with a focus on Neil Armstrong and the Moon landing. In geography, we will continue to learn about continents and oceans.

Creative Learning



In Art our topic is *'In the dark of night'*. We will be looking at various pieces of art and using one piece as inspiration for our own paintings. In DT, we will be focusing on mechanisms including wheels and axels. We will finish by creating our own Ferris Wheel.



PSHE



Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon our bodies, doing our best and basic first aid. Children will also be supported throughout transition to Year 3.

Explorers Home Learning Project

Please complete each task at home and have them all in school by Monday 24th June so that you can showcase your learning. The best way to manage your time will be to complete one or two tasks every two weeks. As soon as you have completed a task, bring it into school to share with your class.

		
Create a 3D model focussed on any aspect of space.	Create a poster or factsheet about a planet in our Solar System.	Write a fictional story about space!
		
Create a piece of art with a space theme.	Research a major event in space history and write a newspaper report about it.	<u>WILD CARD</u> : Use your imagination and surprise us!

Prayer Focus

During the Summer Term, our daily prayers are produced in partnership with Mission Together, which is the children's branch of Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission. Designed to coincide with the Feast St Peter and St Paul (29th June), the *Day of Many Colours* is Mission Together's annual day of celebration. It is a time to remind children that we belong to God's worldwide family and is based on the five 'continent' colours of the Mission Rosary. Each day, the children will focus on a different continent and pray the Mission Together Prayer which you could also pray at home.

Mission Together

Mission Together Prayer:
 May all children
 In the world
 Share love
 Share friendship and live
 In the peace
 Of God's love.
 Now and forever.
 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.

Children are expected to have a book from our Reading Scheme (which is closely matched to their reading ability) and a free choice book from our School Library.

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:

