

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2024



The children will explore Number and Place value. This will be followed by a unit on Addition and Subtraction. For the second half of the term, our focus will be on Multiplication and Division and Fractions.



Reading, writing and spelling continues to be taught daily. Reading lessons will focus on reading fluency, speed and accuracy as well as skills to further develop comprehension. Writing will be taught through our "I am a Clever Writer" scheme. The books we will focus our writing on are "The Matchbox Diary" and "Curiosity: The story of a Mars Rover." Modelled and shared writing lessons lead to the children having the opportunity to plan, draft, edit and improve their writing.



PSHE



Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship.

Our focus is Space and Forces. Children will learn about the different types of forces, the Solar System and the phases of the moon. They will also be learning about how gravity influences us on the Earth and how we get day and night.



The Alps



What is life like in the Alps?

The key question above will be our focus for this term and to which all our learning will be linked. We will need to apply our prior learning, analyse sources and complete our own research.

Reminders

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

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Ourselves: Each person is made in the image and likeness of God. To know ourselves and to appreciate that our value and uniqueness is central to our wellbeing.

Life Choices: Through Baptism the Christian is called to a life of holiness and to the mission of spreading the Good News. That life may be lived out in different ways. Whatever life choices are made, the Christian is called to a commitment of holiness and service of others

Hope: Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, the promised one. It is preceded by the season of Advent, a time of preparation. It encourages believers to prepare for the Christ, who comes each day. They also wait in joyful hope for Him to come in glory at the end of time.



Humanities



This term's focus is Vikings.

Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?
This key question will be the focus for our learning in the second half of the term.



Creative Learning



In Art, the children will study drawing techniques with a focus of I need space.
In DT the children will be researching mechanical systems before designing and making their own popup book.

Year 5 Home Learning Projects

Please focus on one Learning Project each week and bring them in to school as soon as you complete them.
All projects need to be in school by Monday 11th November.

			
<p>Research the Alps and create a factfile.</p>	<p>Make a model of the Alps.</p>	<p>Create a piece of artwork based on the Alps.</p>	<p>WILD CARD: Use your imagination and surprise us!</p>
			
<p>Create a timeline of key events that happened in the Viking era</p>	<p>Create a model of a Viking longship.</p>	<p>Design a Viking meal</p>	<p>Write a diary entry as a Viking raider.</p>



Reading

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that reading experiences are positive. Reading to your child, sharing books with and listening to your child read with lots of encouragement and praise are so valuable.

All children will bring home a reading book each week. If your child is following our Little Wandle Phonics programme they will bring home a fully decodable Big Cat book. If your child has successfully completed the programme they will be reading books from our Oxford Reading Tree scheme before moving to our selection of Free Readers.

All children will also bring home a free choice book from our School Library to share and read with your help.

To be like Jesus



Jesus gave us a new commandment when he said, "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) This mission statement is at the heart of our school community and on a daily basis, we ask Jesus to direct our thoughts, our words and our actions. Our Lady, the Mother of Jesus, is our patron, who enlightens guides and comforts us on our journey of faith to become more and more like her son, Jesus, with every passing day. This term, we are inspired by Saint John Henry Newman encouraging us to become more and more like Jesus every day.

Dear Jesus,

Flood my soul with your spirit and life. Penetrate my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of yours. Shine through me, and be so in me that every person I meet may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus! Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, to shine as a light to others; let me praise you in the way you love best by shining on those around me. Amen

