

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2024



MATHS

We will start the term with a three-week unit on place value. This will be followed by a unit on addition and subtraction. For the remainder of the Autumn term, our focus will be on multiplication and division.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn term	Number Place value			Number Addition and subtraction			Number Multiplication and division A					
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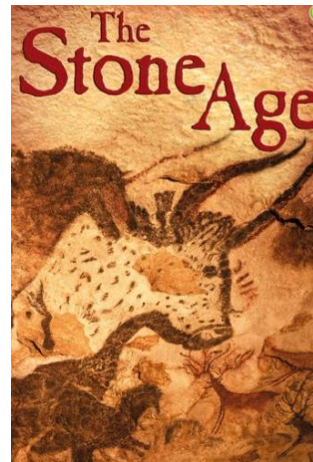
English

Reading, writing, phonics and SPaG continues to be taught daily. Reading lessons will focus on reading fluency, speed and accuracy as well as skills to further develop comprehension. This will be further supported through our Clever Writer teaching sequences, which focus on developing writing skills. Daily SPaG lessons will feed directly into our writing. Modelled and shared writing lessons lead to the children having the opportunity to plan, draft, edit and improve their writing.

Our focus is animals: movement and nutrition. The children will explore different animals and learn how animals move and what they need to survive. We will move on to learn about forces and magnets and investigate friction on different surfaces.



Ages and Stages



Over the course of the term, the children will learn about life in Prehistoric Britain. We will then look further afield and learn about Antarctica!

Reminders

PE Days are **Tuesday** and **Friday** for both classes.
Please wear full PE kit on these days.



RE



Homes: In this topic, we explore how God is present in every home. This is expressed in the love that binds each family.
Promises: This will focus on the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation and how they are the call to a new way of life.
Visitors: For Christians, this topic emphasises the coming of God, in the person of Jesus, 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. He was not a passing visitor, but One who comes to dwell among us, the Word made flesh. The joyful expectation of Advent is an encouragement to take steps to recognise the coming of God into the world today, and to believe that in the future this same God will come again in glory.



Humanities



In Geography, we will look at the topic 'Who lives in Antarctica?' We will focus on climate and explore expeditions to Antarctica. History will focus at what life was like for our ancestors during Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain.



Creative Learning



In Art, we are learning about how our ancestors created art, focussing on their images of animals. We will sketch our own animals and create versions of prehistoric art.
In DT, we will be creating pneumatic toys!

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PSHE

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Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus on 'Valuing Differences' and 'Rights and Respect', where children will identify and value differences and diversity.

Year 3 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.



Create a newspaper article about an expedition to Antarctica.



Research and create a fact file on daily life in Stone Age Britain.



Tell us about you and your family using any media you like!



Create a 3D model of a Stone Age settlement using any materials you can find.



Create your own piece of art based on prehistoric artwork.



WILD CARD:
Use your imagination and surprise us by creating something else linked to our topic!



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

