

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2024



Our morning maths begins at 8:45 each day. The children will complete ten questions designed to develop arithmetic and mathematical fluency skills.

This term the children will be developing their understanding of number and place value which also includes addition and subtraction. Following this, the children will explore and extend their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes.



We hope you have had a wonderful summer.

Your Year 1 team are:

Mrs Ward

Mrs Savage

Miss Yeomans

Reminders

PE days:

Class 4: Tuesday and Thursday.

Full PE kit to be worn to school.

Watch this Space!

Details of the Year 1 trip will be shared soon.



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Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in everyone. This term we shall explore the universal church and the role of the Creation story. We will also be learning to pray the *Our Father* and aspects of the *Hail Mary* prayer. The children will be able to explore and communicate how they feel God is important in each of their own lives.



Our Little Wandle Phonics programme is taught every day to ensure that your child learns the correct code in order to be able to sound out letters and blend them to read words. More information and guidance for correct pronunciation can be found here: [For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](https://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk) The children will also take part in a daily Reading Practice session to develop their skills of reading for meaning.

Our daily *'I Am A Clever Writer'* lessons teach the skills of writing through a variety of engaging texts. Children will apply the skills practised throughout the week during Friday's Star Write.

Our first topic is the Human Body, and we will explore which parts of the body match to the 5 senses. Our second topic will be learning about animals and their physical features.



Humanities



In History we will be learning about timelines whilst also asking questions about what it was like in the past. In Geography, we will be exploring the location of our school and the local area and will be using maps to identify key features.

Creative Learning



During our Art lessons, we will be experimenting with different mark-making equipment and exploring careful control, drawing and images. Our DT focuses on the importance of healthy foods and the children will be creating their own smoothies!

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PSHE






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Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon 'Me and My Relationships'. We will investigate why we have classroom rules and discuss our feelings as well as explore what makes a good friend.

Year 1 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>Cat Dog Pig</p> 
<p>Create a map of where you live. How do you get to school? Draw a map or write instructions.</p>	<p>Do a traffic survey outside your house. How many cars, trucks, bikes etc. drive past your house in 15 mins?</p>	<p>How many words or numbers can you write in a minute? Challenge everyone in your house!</p>
	<p>Born Started school 5th Year 1 birthday</p> <p> ----- ----- ----- </p>	
<p>Write a book review for your favourite book. Explain why you like it.</p>	<p>Can you make a time line of your life so far? You can draw or use photos to show important times in your life.</p>	<p><u>WILD CARD:</u> Use your imagination and surprise us!</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. Our Little Wandle Phonics programme aligns with our fully decodable Big Cat books. The children will have group reading practise sessions three times a week and they will then bring home the same book to share the book with you.

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

