

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## EYFS Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2024



### MATHS

The children will be learning to count through games and songs. We will be sorting objects according to shape, size and colour. We will also be encouraging children to use mathematical language through play such as 'more, less fewer, big and small. You can support your child at home by looking for numbers in the environment.

### English

We will focus on four wonderful books this term: **My Very First Mother Goose, Hello Friend, The Gigantic Turnip** and **A New House for Mouse**. We will develop comprehension skills by asking the children to retell simple stories and talk about their favourite books. Children will take part in daily phonic sessions. There will be lots of opportunities for mark making and writing.

### Physical development

We will be encouraging children to move energetically, such as running, jumping, hopping, skipping and climbing. Children will be using the outdoor climbing equipment to develop their control and coordination. We be developing fine motor skills in fun and engaging activities such as threading, squeezing playdough, painting etc. PE lessons will begin in the Spring Term.

### Autumn 1: All About Me



### Autumn 2: Autumn



### Reminders

Please make sure all uniform is named as we have had a few lost cardigans already!

### Watch this Space!

All children will need a pair of wellies for our forest sessions – more information will follow shortly!

### RE



RE topics this term are **Creation and Covenant** and **Prophecy and Promise**. The children will be learning our school prayers and the sign of the cross. We will also be learning hymns such as *If I Were a Butterfly* and *He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*

We will be talking about our special Mission Statement '*Love one another as I have loved you*' and how we can be more like Jesus.

### Understanding the World



We will be talking about the world around us and people and places that are familiar to us. We be sharing family photos (a request for photos will follow shortly!) and talking about what we enjoy doing as a family. Forest school will begin in a few weeks; the children will be exploring the wonders of nature in the small forest area within the school grounds.

### Expressive Arts and Design



The children will be singing lots of nursery rhymes and learning new songs. Children will be engaging in role play activities such as the home corner and market stalls. The children will be exploring a range of materials to create pictures and collages.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be supporting the children to settle into school life and adjust to new routines. We will spend time learning the school rules. Children will be encouraged to talk about their feelings and use the 'worry monster' if needed.



## EYFS Home Learning Activities

When you have completed a task bring it into school to share with the class or send a photo to the class teacher on Class Dojo.

Practise new letter sounds and focus on hearing initial sounds by playing games such as eye spy.



Draw or paint a picture of yourself.



Make some Jam Tarts like the Queen of Hearts



Make Incy Wincy Spider out of a paper plate.



Practise writing your name.



In October go on an Autumn walk and make a collection of Autumn treasures such as conkers, acorns etc.



### 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 practice 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

