

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Summer 2025



Work on length in Year 2 picks up from Year 1 where children consolidate their ability to estimate and measure in centimetres. They will learn how to calculate the difference between lengths and know that there are 100 cm in a metre. We will then focus on mass and volume. Children develop a sense of what one kilogram feels like and read masses on representations of scales marked in kilograms. Problem solving involves identifying masses on balance scales. Children will also compare amounts in various containers.



Reading, writing and spelling 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 'I am a Clever Writer' teaching sequences. Key writing skills are taught and modelled leading to the children practising using these skills through retelling stories, writing diaries, recounts and letters.

The children will learn about plants and be able to sequence the life cycle of bulbs and seeds. They will investigate growing plants using scientific skills to carry out comparative tests. Children will then make connections with previous learnt units by investigating plant-based materials.



### Connections



### Reminders



#### SATs:

Children will be completing their KS1 assessments from 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure they are in school this week and are well rested. Speak to class teachers if you have any questions about the process.

#### PE days:

Wednesday and Friday.  
Full PE kit to be worn to school on those days, this does not include branded items.



### RE



The units for this term are titled 'To the ends of the earth' and 'Dialogue and Encounter'. Each focus begins with children hearing the scripture then learning about the Catholic belief and teaching related to it. Then children will understand how Catholics respond to the scripture and belief in their daily lives, including how they can live it out themselves. Finally, children can express their wonder and awe and learn to pray, praise and celebrate their faith.



### Humanities



In Geography, the children will learn about the coast and the seas that surround the UK. They will find out what life is like at the coast and what it is like to live there. In History, children will find out about monarchs and how they have coronation ceremonies when they are crowned. They will learn about castles and how they have changed over time and compare the lives of monarchs past and present.



### Creative Learning



The children will be using clay this term to create tiles and then will plan and build 3D houses. In DT, children will explore mechanisms. They will plan, design and create a model Ferris wheel using a wheel mechanism.



### PSHE



Our themes this term will be based around 'being my best' and 'growing and changing'. These will support the children with the changes faced moving to KS2 and encourage them to be resilient.

## Year 2 Home Learning Projects: Connections

Please focus on one Learning Project each week and bring them to school as you complete them, the top three are for term 5 and bottom three are term 6. All projects need to be in school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 |

		
<p>Create a piece of art based on plants.</p>	<p>Design your own coastal town. What human and physical features would there be?</p>	<p>Write about an adventure at the seaside. This could be a story about or a diary of a day you have had on holiday.</p>
		
<p>Research 'Monarchs of England' and show us what you have learned through art, words or models.</p>	<p>Tell us about monarchs and castles from your home country. Are there any interesting facts you can teach us?</p>	<p>Use this opportunity to surprise us! Create a maths game, design a poster or let your imagination go wild to WOW us!</p>

## Reading

To encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that reading experiences are regular and positive. Reading to your child, sharing books with and listening to your child read with lots of encouragement and praise are so valuable. If your child is following our Little Wandle Phonics programme they will bring home a fully decodable Big Cat book. If your child has completed the programme they will be reading from our Oxford Reading Tree scheme before moving to our selection of Free Readers.

**Please listen to your child read at least three to four times per week and record this in the Reading Record.**

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



GET ENOUGH SLEEP

MOVE YOUR BODY OFTEN

EAT HEALTHY FOOD

TALK ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS

TAKE TIME TO RELAX

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## A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,  
in this Jubilee Year,  
you remind us of our call to love creation.  
Help us to work together  
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey  
as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,  
In this Jubilee Year,  
you remind us of our call to love  
our neighbours  
and to set free those who suffer.  
Help us to treat everyone with dignity,  
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

**Guide us on our journey  
as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,  
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our  
call to grow in faith and love.  
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see  
Jesus in others,  
and to be united as God's global family.

**Guide us on our journey  
as pilgrims of hope.**

Amen

Written in  
collaboration with Missia

