

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## EYFS Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2025



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.



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 will 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.

### 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 *Jesus said, '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 will 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, and the children will be exploring the wonders of nature in the small forest area within the school grounds.



### Expressive Arts and Design



We 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 also 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.



## 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

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 and listening to your child read with lots of praise and encouragement is so valuable.

Your child's first reading book will be a wordless book. Wordless books are invaluable as they teach reading behaviours and early reading skills. Use these books to develop language skills by

- ★ Talking about the pictures.
- ★ Talking about the different characters
- ★ Encouraging your child to make links from the book to their own experiences.

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

## Prayer Focus

Our worship and prayer throughout the year is guided by the Liturgical calendar of the Church, with themes each week based on the Gospel reading for each Sunday. Alongside this we will have specific focus each month on the following themes:

- a) September: Being a Missionary Disciple
- b) October: Our Lady of the Rosary
- c) November: Remembrance
- d) December: Our Advent Journey



GET ENOUGH SLEEP

MOVE YOUR BODY OFTEN

EAT HEALTHY FOOD

TALK ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS

TAKE TIME TO RELAX