

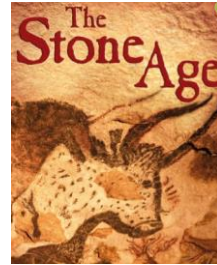
# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2025



We will start the term by focussing on Place Value. We will learn to read and write numbers to 400 and develop an understanding of the place value of each digit in three-digit numbers. This will be supported through the use of concrete equipment. We will move onto counting forwards and backwards in steps of 4, which will support Times Table recall. We will move onto learning multiples of 5 and 10 as well as adding ones to three digit numbers.

### Ages and Stages



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We will begin the term with the topic 'Creation and Covenant'. This branch explores celebrating the Eucharist and the children will learn how we are made in the image of God. We will focus on revealing the nature of God, who creates all that there is and learn about the goodness of creation. We will focus on how we can help to look after God's creation. We will also begin to learn about Catholic Social Teaching.



Reading skills will continue to be developed through a range of learning opportunities during our daily Reading Workshops. Immersive Reading sessions will focus on the text: *Ug: Boy Genius* which will allow the children to engage with the story, explore themes and issues and develop creative responses.

Clever Writer lessons focus on the development of skills (ingredients) required to write. Writing checklists are used daily so that children practise, apply and embed skills that are taught.



### Reminders



#### Attendance Dojos!

Your child receives an Attendance Dojo every day they are in school. Being in school more than 95% also gains extra rewards!

#### Reading:

Please listen to your child read each day, help them to notice and correct any errors and fill in the Reading Record.



#### PE days:

Thursday and Friday. Full PE kit to be worn school on PE days.



### Humanities



In History, we will look at what life was like for our ancestors during Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain. We will learn about how people survived and decide which age we would have preferred to live in! In Geography, we will focus on our topic: 'Who lives in Antarctica?' We will learn about climate and explore expeditions to Antarctica.



### 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! We will learn how pneumatics works and design and make our own toys!

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.



PSHE










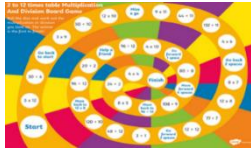
Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus on 'Valuing Differences' and 'Rights and Respect', where children will identify and value differences and diversity.

## Home Learning Projects

Complete each task over the term at home. Manage your time by completing one task per week.

As soon as you have completed a task, bring it to school to share with the class.

All projects to be completed by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 in any way you like!	Create a poster about Ernest Shackleton's life.
			
Create a 3D model of a Stone Age settlement!	Create your own piece of art based on prehistoric artwork.	<u>WILD CARD</u> : Use your imagination and surprise us!	Create a maths game focussing on topics we cover this term.

## 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:

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



## 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 praise and encouragement is 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.

Reading at home also earns extra Dojo points!

