

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2025



To start the term, we will focus on place value, using our knowledge to look at sequences, identifying and representing numbers. Focussing on addition and subtraction, children will apply their knowledge further by using numbers up to 4 digits. Lastly, we will focus on Multiplication and Division which the children will apply to daily situations and reasoning problems.

### Curiosity



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Branch 1: Creation and Covenant. Pupils will learn about Moses and two critical events in his life – the call and the covenant. They will explore the ten commandments and how they apply in modern life.  
Branch 2 – Prophecy and Promise. The children will explore the story of David in the Bible. They will also reflect on their understanding of David and the idea of a leader as a shepherd.



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: *The Matchbox Diary* and 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 the 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:

Tuesday and Wednesday.  
Full PE kit to be worn to school on PE days



### Humanities



This term's focus is Vikings.

Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else? This key question will be the focus for our learning in the second half of the term.

In geography, we will look at the question 'What is it like to live in the Alps?' which all of our learning will be linked to.



### Creative Learning



In Art, the children will study drawing techniques with a focus of I need space.  
In DT the children will be researching mechanical systems before designing and making their own popup book.

Our focus is Space and Forces.



Children will learn about the different types of forces, the Solar System and the phases of the moon. They will also be learning about how gravity influences us on the Earth and how we get day and night.



PSHE



Our themes for PSHE this term will be me and my relationships – exploring friendship skills and recognising emotional needs and valuing difference - Recognising and celebrating difference.

## 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.

			
<p>Research the Alps and create a fact file.</p>	<p>Make a model of the Alps.</p>	<p>Create a piece of artwork based on the Alps.</p>	<p>Write a diary entry as a Viking raider.</p>
			
<p>Create a timeline of key events that happened in the Viking era.</p>	<p>Create a model of a Viking longship.</p>	<p>Make your very own Maths game. You can focus on any of the Maths we are learning this term.</p>	<p>This is your opportunity to decide what you would like to find out and present!</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 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!



## 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



**be KIND to your MIND**

- GET ENOUGH SLEEP
- MOVE YOUR BODY OFTEN
- EAT HEALTHY FOOD
- TALK ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS
- TAKE TIME TO RELAX

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