

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2025



Continuing with the fantastic Effective Maths learning, the children will begin the term exploring Place Value. To achieve this, the children will read and write numbers in word and numeral form, counting in sixths and rounding numbers, moving on to extend their addition and subtracting skills and finally onto Multiplication and Division learning.



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We are very excited to be learning from our new curriculum. These are organised into branches. The first branch is called Creation and Covenant. The children will be reading from Scripture to experience how God made a covenant with Abraham who demonstrated great trust in the Lord when faced with adversity. They will then consider how they can grow their personal faith in God through our covenant with Him established through Jesus Christ.



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 Little Island* 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 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



In Geography, the children will learn about where their food comes from and the impact on the Earth's climate. In History, children will investigate how the achievements of the Ancient Maya impacted on their society and beyond. The children will compare historic information against what they experience in modern life.



Creative Learning



In Art, the children will generate ideas from a range of stimuli, using research and evaluation of techniques to develop their ideas and plan more purposefully for an outcome. In DT, the children will be designing a torch, considering the target audience and creating both design and success criteria focusing on features of individual design ideas.

The children will learn lots of information during the topic of 'Digestion and Food'. The children will explore how our bodies deal with food to gain nutrition and enhance health. Then the children will explore 'Electricity and Circuits'. Here the children will investigate how to make open circuits.



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PSHE

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Our themes for PSHE this term will be based around healthy relationships, listening to feelings, bullying and assertive skills.

## 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><b>Toy Car</b></p>			<p><i>the Best Recipe</i></p>
<p>Design a toy that uses batteries to work. How you present this is your choice: draw a sketch or make a presentation for example.</p>	<p>Write a report or facts explaining how children lived in the past.</p>	<p>Use your sculpting skills to make a model linked to any of our Year 4 Topics.</p>	<p>Design and make a recipe. Write out the ingredients and method. Take photos of the end product!</p>
			
<p>Make a poster or a leaflet about the importance of how we can stay safe online</p>	<p>Use your fabulous Clever Writer skills to write a story of your choice.</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>

## 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!



**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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