

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 2026



Our morning maths begins with the children completing ten questions designed to develop arithmetic and mathematical fluency skills. This term, using our effective maths approach, the children will explore number bonds, numbers beyond 50, coin recognition, subtraction using money, shapes, block graphs and bar charts.

### Discovering the World



RE



In our RE lessons we will be learning about God's mission for us through our branch: Galilee to Jerusalem. We will learn about and discuss how we can demonstrate kindness in our lives and in the wider world. As part of this topic, we will explore a range of religious stories including the story of 'Simeon and Anna' as well as 'The boy Jesus in the temple'.



Reading skills will continue through our daily Phonics programme which is taught every day to ensure that your child learns the correct code in order to be able to sound out letters and blend them to read words. More information and guidance for correct pronunciation can be found here: [littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

Daily Reading Practice sessions develop skills of reading for meaning. Our daily 'Clever Writer' lessons continue to teach the skills of writing through a variety of engaging texts. This term we will explore new skills such as adjectives and conjunctions. The children will apply and embed the skills throughout the week before using them independently during Friday's Star Write.

### 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:

Wednesday and Friday  
Full PE kit to be worn to school on PE days



### Humanities



This term's Geography focus is Weather in the U.K. The children will learn about using maps to learn about the countries within the UK. They will also explore weather changes through the seasons. In History lessons we will be learning about toys in the past and present. Sequencing toys on a time line, identifying how teddy bears have changed and what toys may be like in the future.

### Creative Learning



Art lessons will focus on the work of Jasper Johns and his use of colour and colour mixing. In DT, we will be making puppets in a variety of ways using different materials. The children will design, make and evaluate their own puppets.

This term we will be developing an understanding of seasonal changes and how they affect us. We will be looking closely at different everyday materials and their properties.



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PSHE

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Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon 'Keeping safe'. Within this unit we will discuss who can help us and the importance of super sleep!

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> March.

			
<p>Design and make your own puppet at home. What materials could you use?</p>	<p>Practise knowing the months of the year. Which month is your birthday is in?</p>	<p>Can you find ways to make different amounts?</p>	<p>Try mixing colours at home, what colours can you make?</p>
			
<p>Make a weather chart for your house. Record the weather daily for 2 weeks. Bring in your chart to show us.</p>	<p>In English we will be writing some winter poetry. Can you write a poem that uses all five of your senses?</p>	<p>In PSHE we will be discussing how we can keep ourselves safe. Create a poster to show ways we can do this at home, in school or out in the community.</p>	<p>This is your opportunity to decide what you would like to find out and present!</p>



### Prayer of Unity

My adored Jesus,  
May our feet journey together - May our hands gather in unity  
May our hearts beat in unison - May our souls be in harmony  
May our thoughts be as one - May our ears listen to your Word  
And may our lips pray together, to gain from the eternal Father  
The gifts of Faith, Hope and Love.  
Amen



## Ways to Help Your Child at Home 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!

