

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 2026



Continuing with the fantastic Effective Maths learning, the children will begin the term exploring geometry through various shapes and symmetry. The children will read and write co-ordinates, learning to plot and identify. Then, will move on to money skills recognising coins, learning how to measure, compare and calculate money in pounds and pence.

Go with the flow.



RE



This term we are learning from the branch called Galilee to Jerusalem. The children will be reading from Scripture to experience how Jesus was baptised by John. They will also learn about the miracles he performed as the servant Messiah. Learning will the focus upon how Jesus loves everyone and still wants to heal all of our suffering today.



Reading skills will continue to be developed through a range of learning opportunities during our daily Reading Workshops. Our Read Aloud book for this term is Varjak Paw. 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. The children will use a range texts including Varjak Paw to grasp the importance of paragraph writing and how to hook the reader with carefully chosen vocabulary.

Humanities



In Geography, the children will learn about what rivers are and how we use them in our day to day lives. They will explore why rivers are important and why we should look after them. In History, children will investigate how children's lives have changed from Tudor and Victorian times to modern times including how children are treated.



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:

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



Creative Learning



In DT, children will design, make, and evaluate a protective helmet, learning how shell structures and layering techniques improve strength, safety, and effectiveness. In Art, pupils will experiment with drawing, carving, wire bending, and sculpture to create 3D artworks inspired by artists such as Sokari Douglas Camp and El Anatsui.

The children will learn lots of information during the topic of 'States of matter' first. The children will explore precipitation and the different stages the water goes through. Then the children will explore 'Sound and Vibrations'. Here the children will explore how sound can change by distance and pitch.



PSHE



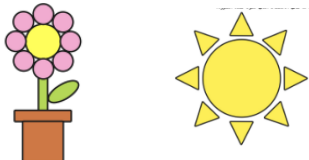
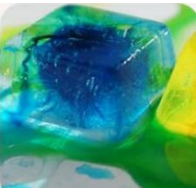


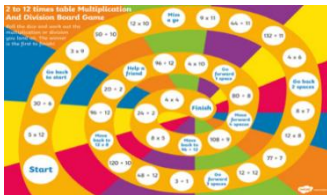



Our themes for PSHE this term will be based around making a difference by helping others, having choices and making good decisions. The children will also learn about personal skills and interests.

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 6th March. Dojo rewards are given for projects brought in.

			
Design a river fact file or illustration. Research lots of different facts and present in an interesting way.	Write a day in the life of a Victorian child. Research how children are treated and their living conditions.	Draw a natural object using shapes only. For example, a tree using squares, circles, or rectangles.	Can you time how long a cube or block of ice takes to defrost. Repeat for a fair test.
			
Make a quiz about staying safe online and test your friends.	Learn the Happy Birthday song in French. Wow your teacher with your pronunciation!	Make your very own Maths game. You can focus on any of the Maths we are learning this term.	This is your opportunity to decide what you would like to find out and present!



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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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



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!

