

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## EYFS Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 2026



Children will have lots of opportunities to count a range of natural objects and mathematical equipment such as numicon and cubes. We will continue to work on the concept of subitising so that when children look at a small group of dots, for example, they will not need to count them but just say what they see. We will be comparing numbers within 10 and working on 1 more/1 less.

### Spring 1: Bears



### Spring 2: Growing



Our focus texts this term are **Biscuit Bear**, **ng on a Bear Hunt**, **Errol's Garden** and **Hungry Hen**. We will use these texts to gain a good understanding of story structure and to learn new vocabulary. Children will be encouraged to read CVC words and simple sentences independently and show a good understanding of what they have read. Children will have lots of opportunities to develop writing skills such as writing lists, recipes and cards.

### Physical development

We will begin PE lessons after the February half term (more information to follow) During PE lessons we will be focusing on developing control and balance when using large apparatus. We will also be developing our gross motor skills by building with large apparatus and making obstacle courses outside. We will be developing our fine motor skills by practising our scissor skills and our pencil control.

### Reminders

We will continue our outdoor learning in the forest every Thursday - children need wellies every week as it can get very muddy! Hats and gloves are handy too!

### Watch this Space!

After half term the children will begin PE lessons on Mondays.



RE



Our RE topics this term are **Galilee to Jerusalem** and **Desert to Garden**. Children will be sharing what we have seen and heard about the story of The Wise Men and of Jesus welcoming the children and feeding the crowd. We will be wondering how we can be more like Jesus and welcome people into our lives. We will be visiting the Church for our Ash Wednesday service and learning why Lent is such an important time. We will be learning the hymns *This Little Light of Mine* and *Shine Jesus Shine*.



### Understanding the World



We will be exploring how things were different in the past and comparing old and new teddy bears. We will be making maps and describing journeys within our local environment. We will continue our outdoor learning sessions in the forest and will be comparing different plants and animals.



### Expressive Arts and Design



We will be mixing colours to produce different shades and combining materials to create different textures. We will be making up stories through role play and small world play.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be using a wonderful book called **The Colour Monster** to encourage children to talk about the emotions we experience and the different ways we can express them. We will also be encouraging children to complete tasks independently.



## Home Learning Activities

When you have completed a task bring it into school to share with the class or send a photo to the class teacher on Class Dojo.

Use your phonic skills to help a grown up write a shopping list.



Make some number cards and put them on a washing line in the right order.



Draw a picture of your favourite teddy bear and label the different parts.



Get creative and make a map from the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt.



Share the bible story **The Feeding of the Five Thousand**.  
Make some bread together.



Plant a seed and watch it grow.  
Write a set of instructions of how to plant a seed.



## 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. As your child is following our Little Wandle Phonics programme, they will bring home a fully decodable Big Cat book.



**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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## 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

