

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter: Summer 2026



During the Summer Term, the children will build upon on their knowledge of calculations and progress to numbers beyond 50. The children will also learn to recognise halves and quarters. Learning will then move on to comparing items according to their length or height before exploring mass, weight and time.

Exploration



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Our learning will follow the unit called, *To the ends of the Earth*. In this unit the children will explore the sequence of events in Jesus' life. The children will wonder about how the Holy Spirit was with Jesus and consider how the Apostles felt after Jesus' resurrection. We will also learn the words to the Glory Be prayer and how to correctly make the sign of the cross.



Reading skills will continue through Phonics sessions which are taught every day to ensure that your child learns the correct code so they can sound out letters and blend them to read words. More information and guidance for correct pronunciation can be found here: littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk.

Daily Reading Practise sessions develop skills of reading for meaning. Our daily 'Clever Writer' lessons continue teach the skills of writing through a variety of engaging texts. This term we will explore new skills such as question marks, -ed suffix and writing character descriptions. 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



In Geography, the children will focus on recognising and learning about physical and human features. They will be able to give examples of these features and identify them within our own environment. In History, the children will learn about important explorers and how they have changed the world.

Creative Learning



In Art and Design, the children will explore, design and make a woven product through our *Woven Wonders* unit. Our Design Technology unit will focus on exploring mechanisms and their components and how these work through our unit of *Wheels and Axels*.

This term we will be developing an understanding of a variety of plants and investigating if beans need water for growth. We will also investigate science through stories.



PSHE



Our themes for PSHE this term will be based around growth mindset, healthy eating and hygiene and health. The children will also be exploring ways to get help.

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 12th June.

			
We are going to explore plants in science. Draw, paint or make your favourite plant.	Make a list of all the things to take on an adventure. What do you think you would need?	Find out about a real explorer. Where did they go, how long did it take and what did they discover?	Design a poster all about healthy eating.
			
Draw a map of your local area. Can you include both human and physical features?	Use your fabulous Clever Writer skills to write a story of your choice.	Design and make your own maths game. You can focus on anything we are learning about this term.	This is your opportunity to decide what you would like to find out and present!

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!



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

