

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Summer 2026



Building on their progress in Effective Maths, the children will begin the term exploring fractions, developing their understanding of parts and wholes and comparing different fractions. They will then move on to place value, learning to read, write and represent numbers. Finally, they will explore statistics by collecting, interpreting and presenting data.

Mother Earth.



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This term we are learning from the branch called 'To the Ends of the Earth.' The children will be reading from Scripture to learn about Jesus after his Resurrection and the beginnings of the Church. They will explore the life of Saint Peter and his role as a leader and follower of Jesus, and learn about Mary as the Queen of Heaven.



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: Song of a Dolphin Boy. I am a Clever Writer lessons will continue to focus on the development of skills for writing. This term, the children are introduced to personification whilst strengthening prior learning. The children will use a range of texts including The Great Kapok tree to embed figurative language into their writing and how to hook the reader with carefully chosen vocabulary.

Humanities



In Geography, the children will learn why rainforests are important to us, including which resources are sourced from them and the different habitats that animals need to survive. In History, children will explore the changes Britain has gone through from the Anglo-Saxon times to modern day living in Britain and how the invasion shaped this.

Reminders



Attendance Dojos!

Your child receives an Attendance Dojo twice a day. 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 Art, children will explore the theme Fabric of Nature, focusing on the rainforest. They will create mood boards and develop patterns inspired by natural forms, textures and colours. In DT, pupils will learn about mechanical systems by designing and making a slingshot car, exploring how mechanisms create movement.

The children will be learning how to classify things and changing habitats first. They will learn why it is important to categorise living things and how to present this data. In the second summer term, the children will look at how liquids flow. This will involve investigating different liquid viscosities.



PSHE


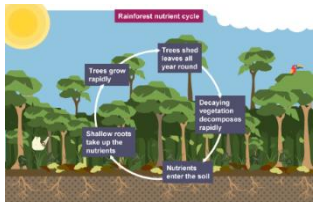








Our themes for PSHE this term are 'Being My Best!' and Growing and Changing. These topics cover a range of aspects that encourage balanced diet and a healthy lifestyle choice. The children will explore how this is important for their bodies

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 3rd July. Dojo rewards are given for projects brought in.

			
<p>Write a short poem inspired by the rainforest, focusing on its sounds and animals.</p>	<p>Create a colourful poster explaining why rainforests are important to the ecosystem.</p>	<p>Collect images, colours, and textures from nature to create a rainforest-themed mood board.</p>	<p>Design your own repeating pattern inspired by the rainforest.</p>
			
<p>Design a simple layout for a new school website homepage, including key sections and features.</p>	<p>Create a fact file about St Peter, including key events from his life and why he is important.</p>	<p>Create a simple survey (e.g. favourite foods or animals), collect results from family or friends.</p>	<p>Research foods that come from the rainforest (e.g. fruits like bananas, mangoes, cocoa) and create a healthy meal plan</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



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!

