

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2026



To start, we will focus on place value, looking at sequences, identifying and representing numbers. Focussing on addition and subtraction, children will apply their knowledge using numbers up to 4 digits. Lastly, we will look at Multiplication and Division, the children apply it to daily situations and reasoning.

Curiosity



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Branch 1: Creation and Covenant. In this branch, pupils will explore the Old and New Testament, understanding the Convent and the Ten Commandments.

Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise. In this branch, pupils will explore how Catholics respond to scripture through prayer and liturgy. They will learn how to celebrate, pray and praise their faith.



Reading and writing continues to be taught daily. Reading lessons will focus on reading fluency, speed and accuracy as well as skills to further develop comprehension. Writing will be taught through our "I am a Clever Writer" scheme. Some of the books we will focus our writing on are "Fox and the crow", "Pip and egg" and "Field trip to the moon". Writing opportunities will include diary entry, persuasive letters, retells and reports.



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 Thursday
Full PE kits to be worn to school on PE days.



This term's focus is Vikings. Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?



This key question will be the focus for our learning in the second half of the term.

In geography, we will ask on the question 'what is it like to live in the Alps?' All of our Geography learning will be linked to this focus.



During Art lessons, the children will study drawing using depth, emotion & movement. In DT, the children will be completing a unit on structures by making bridges using a range of materials.



Our themes during PSHE lessons this term will focus upon me and my relationships and valuing differences.

Our focus is Space and Forces.

Children will learn about the different types of forces, the Solar System and the phases of the moon. They will also be learning about how gravity influences us on Earth and how we get day and night.

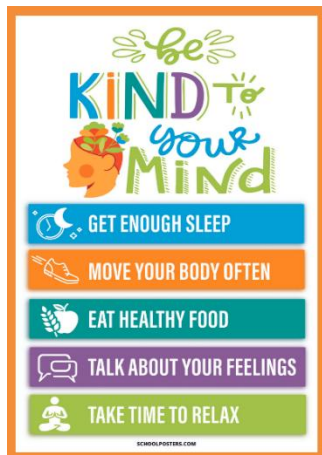


Home Learning Projects

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 November.

			
Research the Alps and create a fact file.	Make a model of the Alps.	Create a piece of artwork based on the Alps.	WILDCARD: Use your imagination and surprise us!
			
Create a timeline of key events that happened in the Viking era.	Create a model of a Viking longship.	Make your very own Maths game, focused on this term's learning.	Write a diary entry as a Viking raider.



Prayer Focus: Letting Our Light Shine Through Simplicity and Care

Inspired by the life of Saint Francis, our school community is called to share God's love through simple acts of kindness, respect, and stewardship. This term, may we care for one another, protect the environment, and allow the light of Christ to shine through everything we do.

Loving God,

As we begin this new school term, we thank You for the gifts of learning and community. In this Year of Saint Francis, help us follow his example by caring for Your creation and respecting all people. May our actions bring peace, our words bring kindness, and our school community be a beacon of Your hope. Bless our pupils, families, staff, and governors.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." – Saint Francis of Assisi



Reading

You can support your child by:

- **Read together regularly** – Sharing a book, can spark great discussions and deepen understanding.
- **Talk about what they read** – Ask questions like "Why do you think the character made that choice?" for deeper thinking.
- **Encourage variety** – Fiction, non-fiction, magazines, news articles, and poetry all broaden vocabulary and knowledge.
- **Make it enjoyable** – Let them choose books that interest them.

Just 20–30 minutes of reading each day can make a huge difference to your child's progress and confidence.

If you would like recommendations for books please don't hesitate to contact us. 😊

Please encourage your child to spend a little time every day focussing on:

