

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2026



Continuing with the fantastic Effective Maths learning, the children will begin the term exploring Place Value. To achieve this, the children will read and write numbers in word and numeral form, counting in sixths and rounding numbers. Moving on to extending their addition and subtracting skills and finally onto Multiplication and Division learning. In preparation for the Year 4 National Multiplication Check, the children will access TTRS to practise their rapid recall.



Reading skills will continue to be developed through a range of learning opportunities during our daily reading lessons. These lessons will focus on different texts to develop reading fluency, accuracy, understanding and a love of reading. Clever Writer lessons focus on the development of skills (ingredients) required to write and the children will engage with a wide variety of texts throughout the term to support this. Writing checklists are used daily so that children practise, apply and embed skills that are taught within their own writing.

The children will learn lots of information from the topic of 'Digestion and Food'. In this learning, the children will explore how our bodies deal with food to gain nutrition and enhance health. The children will then explore 'Electricity and Circuits' which will involve investigating how to make open circuits.



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!

TTRS: Please practise every day!

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:

Tuesday and Friday.

Full PE kit to be worn school on PE days.



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We are very excited to be learning from our new curriculum which is organised into branches. The first branch is called Creation and Covenant. The children will be reading from Scripture to experience how God made a covenant with Abraham who demonstrated great trust in the Lord when faced with adversity. The children will then consider how they can grow their personal faith in God through our covenant with Him established through Jesus Christ.



Humanities



In Geography, the children will learn about where their food comes from and the impact on the Earth's climate. In History, children will investigate how the achievements of the Ancient Maya impacted on their society and beyond. The children will compare historic information against what they experience in modern life.



Creative Learning



In Art, the children will generate ideas from a range of stimuli, using research and evaluation of techniques to develop their ideas and plan more purposefully for an outcome. In DT, the children will be designing a torch, considering the target audience and creating both design and success criteria focusing on the features of individual design ideas.



PSHE



Our themes for PSHE this term will be based around healthy relationships, listening to feelings, bullying and assertive skills.

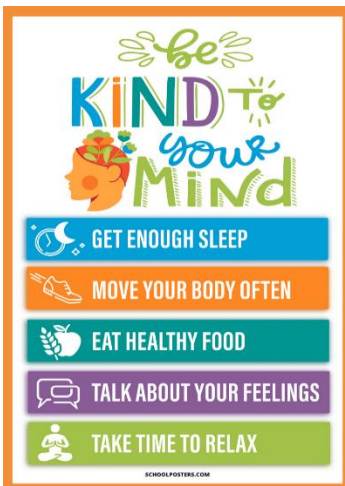
Home Learning Projects



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.



 Toy Car			<i>the Best Recipe</i>
Design a toy that uses batteries to work. How you present this is your choice: draw a sketch or make a presentation for example.	Write a report or facts explaining how children lived in the past.	Use your sculpting skills to make a model linked to any of our Year 4 Topics.	Design and make a recipe. Write out the ingredients and method. Take photos of the end product!
			
Make a poster or a leaflet about the importance of how we can stay safe online	Use your fabulous Clever Writer skills to write a story of your choice.	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!



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:

