

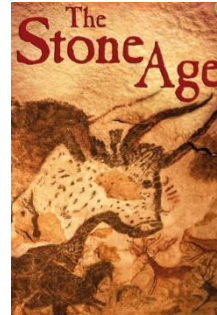
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2026



We will start the term by focussing on place value. We will learn to read and write numbers to 400 and develop an understanding of the place value of each digit in three-digit numbers. This will be supported through the use of concrete equipment. We will move onto counting forwards and backwards in 4s which will support times table recall. We will then move onto learning multiples of 5 and 10 as well as adding ones to three-digit numbers.

Ages and Stages



RE



We will begin the term with the topic 'Creation and Covenant'. The theme of this unit is celebrating the Eucharist, and we will learn how we are made in the image of God. We will focus on revealing the nature of God who creates all that there is and learn about the goodness of creation. We will focus on how we can help to look after God's creation. We will also begin to learn about Catholic Social Teaching.



Reading skills will continue to be developed through a range of learning opportunities during our daily reading lessons. The focus of these sessions will be building fluency, stamina and understanding. Our Clever Writer lessons focus on the development of skills required to write well. Writing checklists will be used daily to ensure that children know how to be successful. A wide variety of texts will be used throughout the term to provide children with the opportunity to practise, apply and embed skills that are taught.



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:

Thursday and Friday. Full PE kit to be worn to school on PE days.



Humanities



In History, we will focus on what life was like for our ancestors during Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain. We will learn about how people survived and decide which age we would have preferred to live in! In Geography, we will focus on the topic 'Who lives in Antarctica?' We will focus on climate and explore expeditions to Antarctica.



Creative Learning



In Art, we are learning about how our ancestors created art, focussing on their images of animals. We will sketch our own animals and create versions of prehistoric art. In DT, we will be creating pneumatic toys! We will learn how pneumatics work and design and make our own toys!



Our focus is animals: movement and nutrition. The children will explore different animals and learn how animals move and what they need to survive. We will then move on to learn about forces and magnets and investigate friction on different surfaces.



PSHE



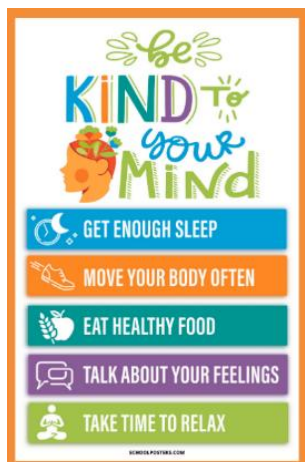
Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus on 'Valuing Differences' and 'Rights and Respect', where children will identify and value differences and diversity.

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 and create a fact file on daily life in Stone Age Britain.	Create a newspaper article about an expedition to Antarctica.	Tell us about you and your family in any way you like!	Create a poster about Ernest Shackleton's life.
			
Create a 3D model of a Stone Age settlement!	Create your own piece of art based on prehistoric artwork.	<u>WILD CARD:</u> Use your imagination and surprise us!	Create a maths game focussing on topics we cover this term.



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:

