

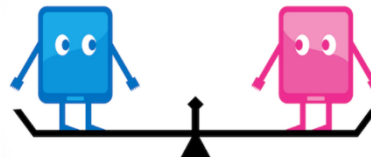
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2026



We will begin the year by focusing on Place Value. Through these lessons, children develop an understanding of the place value of each digit in 2-digit numbers. This is supported by representations including place value counters and base 10 blocks. Children also learn to read and write numbers written in words. Children then learn to exchange ones for tens which is fundamental for the following calculation units. We will then focus on telling the time to 5 minutes, including using digital clocks. Then fractions and geometry to conclude the term.

Contrasts



RE



Creation and Covenant: Pupils will learn the story of Noah, focusing on God's promise, or covenant, with Noah and with all creatures. Like other stories at the beginning of the book of Genesis, it speaks of humanity's relationship with God and the hope that flows from God. **Prophecy and Promise:** This branch focuses on Jesus' infancy, telling the story from St. Luke's Gospel concluding with the period of Advent as the preparation of the coming of Christ.



Reading skills will continue to be developed through a range of learning opportunities during our phonics and reading group sessions. Using the books, *The Emperor's Egg* and *Grace and Family* children will explore themes and issues and develop creative responses. Clever Writer lessons focus on the development of skills (ingredients) required to write. Writing checklists are used daily so that children practise, apply and embed skills that are taught. All sessions are based around the weekly text which enables children to write for different purposes. This will begin with retelling stories and writing diary entries.

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 be able to name and locate the seven continents of the world. They will identify hot and cold places and make comparisons between the UK and Kenya. In History, children will develop their investigative skills using sources from the past to explore how school life has changed over the last 100 years. They will also compare their own experiences of school to those of children in the past.



Creative Learning



In Art, children will explore drawing techniques using a range of materials and develop tonal shading skills. In DT, children will learn about the main food groups. They will be able to discuss the importance of a balanced diet and construct a healthy wrap.



The children will learn about the basic survival needs of animals and life cycles of different animal groups. We will also focus on staying healthy. In term two, children will explore materials, carrying out investigations to find out which material is suitable for specific purposes.



PSHE

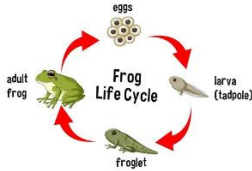


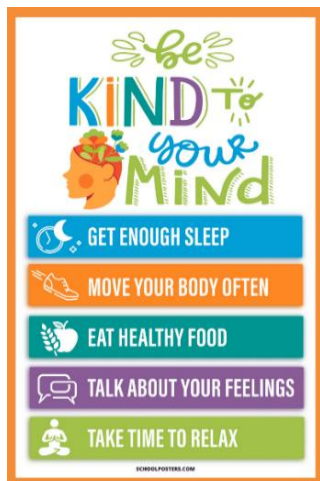
Our themes for PSHE this term are 'Me and my relationships' and 'Valuing differences'. Children will explore emotions and develop their awareness of how we have an impact on how others feel and behave.

Home Learning Projects

Complete each task over the term at home. Manage your time by completing one task per week, the top row is term one and bottom row term two. 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

			
Create a collage or model of a hot or cold place from around the world.	Use your Clever Writer skills to write a diary entry about an exciting experience you've had.	Create an explanation to show the life cycle of your favourite animal.	Design a poster explaining how to be a good friend.
			
Make a model using any materials that we have learned about.	Write facts about how schools have changed over the last 100 years.	Tell us about your family Christmas traditions. Bring in photos or objects for your talk.	Make a healthy meal or snack. Write out the recipe and take a photo.



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

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 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!

