Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School

Autumn 1 2025 Curriculum Newsletter



Mars Class

Teacher's Message	Welcome back, I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! We have an exciting half term ahead of us with lots of new learning opportunities. I can't wait to get to know all of our new children and see all of the children come together as a new class.
Homework	Reading: Reading will continue to be our main focus for homework. Phonics groups: The children who are currently part of a phonics group should bring home a bookbag book which you can share together as it will be a new book. They should also bring home a smaller phonics book which they will have read 3 times within their group so should be familiar with. Children on AR: Those children that are now reading AR (Accelerated Reader) books need to be reading at home and quizzing in school. Each morning, they will have the opportunity to quiz in school on a chrome book. Spellings: Phonics groups: Within the smaller phonics books that the children will bring home, it highlights (circles at the front) the sounds we are focusing on in class, the speedy green words and red words. Please look at these together. Children on AR and not in a phonics group: These children will receive weekly spelling, punctuation and grammar homework. This will be sent home on a Friday.
Reading for Pleasure	This half term as a class, we will be reading 'The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me' by Roald Dahl. This is a fantastic book and I am sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy listening to it. ROALD DAHL Firaffe and the Pelly and I am sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy listening to it.
English	This half-term in English, we will be beginning a new unit of work based on the book, 'Look Up!'. This book is a lovely story and will inspire the children to write their own diary entry about a space flight.

2+3=5	Maths	Year 1: In Maths this half term, Year 1 will be looking at numbers to 10, part whole within 10 and addition within 10. Year 2: Year 2 will be looking at numbers to 100 and addition and	
		subtraction.	
	RE	In RE we will be continuing to use our new RED programme and our topic wi be, 'Creation and Covenant'. We will be thinking about how the world exist and how all that has come to be. The children will learn through the story o Noah whilst looking at the Bible.	
	Science	In Science this half-term, we will be continuing with our learning about plants. It is visited twice throughout key stage 1, but the focus is different. During this unit, we will focus on garden and wild plants and the features of a leaf.	
	Geography	Not a lead subject	
	History	In History we will be learning about famous explorers. This unit begins by introducing the children to different explorers: explorers that explore different parts of the world. The children will discuss where in the world these explorers may have been and the special equipment that they need to survive. The children will then be introduced to some famous explorers from the past. They will find out more about their lives and the reasons why they became explorers. During this unit, they will 'meet' Charles Darwin, Neil Armstrong, Ibn Battuta, Roald Amundsen, Sylvia Earle and Edmund Hillary.	
	Art	In Art this half-term, the children will be focusing on sculpture. Using clay, the children will learn what sculpture is and its purpose. They will develop some skills with clay that will start their primary school journey of becoming proficient with clay as a medium. They will know about the work of some artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines and making links to their own work.	
\$0.5 \$0.5	Design Technology	Not a lead subject	
	RSHE	In RSHE this half term, we will be following our Ten:Ten, Life to the Full programme. Over five lessons, children will hear and experience the Gospel story of Jesus welcoming little children to Him in spite of others telling them to stay away. The story will be repeated in various ways, and through times of discussion, imaginative reflection and creative response, children will learn that they are created by God out of love and for love.	
	PE	In PE this half term, we will be focusing on ball control and fundamentals. The children will have two PE lessons a week and will need to make sure that they have their PE kits available in school. On Thursdays, PE will be with Miss Humphrey and on Fridays, it will be with Premier Sports.	

	Computing	Our computing this half-term will focus on keeping ourselves safe online.		
	Music	Mr Hopkins will be teaching Class 1/2 for Music this half term, where they will be singing and learning to play many different instruments.		
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X	dates/events	4th September	First Day Back to school	
@	Teacher contact:	Please come and see me if you have any worries or concerns. If this isn't possible then please contact me through Class Dojo. Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30am - 3.15pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office office@olsp.uk during the school day.		
		There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to email or class dojo messages received in the evenings or at the weekend.		