



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Autumn 1 Class Newsletter

Year: 4

Class Teacher: Mrs Williams/Mrs Kilby-Salt

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year.

We are so pleased to see all the children again after what we hope has been a lovely summer break for you all.

MATHS:

This term, the children will focus on Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Measurement and Multiplication and Division. In the Summer Term in Year 4 all children are required to take a statutory Times Table Quiz under exam conditions. This test is online and we will be practising our Times Tables regularly in school. It is very important that you support your children in learning these at home too. We will send homework but there is an expectation that they will also do independent learning to improve their own knowledge and improve their confidence.

RE:

We will be following the units—Creation, Jesus teaches us how to pray, Jesus Light of the World and Advent.

We will also be covering RSE and PSHE.

Our Virtues:

This term we are focussing on being

Curious and Active—not only how we can behave in these ways but also how we can use these virtues to nurture and improve our relationship with God and be an example to others.

PRAYER:

We will begin to send class Prayer Bags home again

on Tuesdays to be returned on the following Monday. These will be given to children who have participated well in RE lessons and who are upholding the 'FAITH' of the school.

Our focus prayer for this term :

THE ROSARY

Sign of the Cross, Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Agony in the Garden: While the disciples sleep, Jesus prays in the garden. Jesus was frightened about all that would happen to him. He asks God his Father to help him to accept what was to happen.

The Scourging: Jesus' powerful enemies hand him over to Pilate. They persuade him to punish Jesus. The soldiers take off Jesus' clothes and he is whipped until he is badly cut and hurt.

The Crowning with Thorns: The soldiers insult Jesus and make him a crown of thorns. As they push it on his head, it cuts and scratches Jesus.

Jesus Carries his Cross: Jesus is very weak after being beaten. He is forced to carry the heavy wooden cross to the place where he would be crucified.

The Crucifixion: The soldiers nail Jesus to the Cross. He asks God to forgive his enemies. Jesus places his trust in his Father before he dies.

Then say:

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father

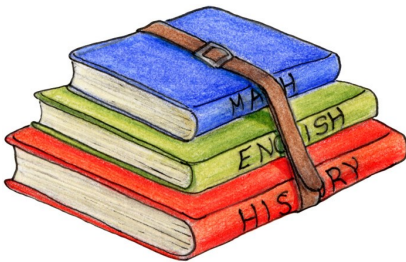
PE:

Swimming will take place on Mondays. The children need a suitable swimming costume/shorts, a hat and a towel. If you would like your child to wear goggles you must inform the office in writing. PE is on Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings the correct kit, wearing a t-shirt in the colour of the FAITH team they are in.

ENGLISH:

In our fiction unit, we will be learning a Norse myth.

We will also be writing a recount. The two texts are 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by J. Todd-Stanton



and 'Leon and the Place Between' by G. Baker-Smith.

We will weave handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar into our writing lessons, and teaching these through stand-alone activities.

Reading and comprehension will be taught through guided reading-discussion and analysis of books in groups-as well as comprehension activities.

TOPIC:

This term's Topic is the history

topic, 'Invasion'. This project teaches children about life in Britain after the Roman withdrawal. Children will learn about Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions up to the Norman conquest. We will weave in Geography, Art, stand-alone science experiments and computing.

Year 4 will also have a ukulele lessons every Wednesday.

French will also be taught after half term.

READING AND HOME LEARNING:

Children have a book given to them to read at home as well as a 'reading for pleasure' book from the library. We will visit the school library weekly. Children should read to an adult at least 4 times a week. We hope you will be able to listen to your child read because sharing books and practising reading is so important



(as well as enjoyable!). It underpins all other learning. Try encouraging your child to talk about something they liked/disliked in the book or make a prediction about the next part of the story; discuss a character or setting- the description an author has used

and what it makes them think/feel, as a reader.

Home Learning is set on a Friday and is due in on the following Friday. We will usually set one piece of English and one piece of maths per week linked to what we have been doing in class, as well as a choice of topic activities per term.

DATES:

Please check the school newsletter for any important dates. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Many thanks,

Mrs Williams and Mrs Kilby- Salt