



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Autumn 1 Class Newsletter

Reception class

Class Teacher: Mrs Wilsker

Welcome

Hello! We wish you a huge warm welcome into our school community. The children have had an excellent start and I'm sure they are coming home and telling you all about the things we have been doing.

Uniform and belongings

It has been a delight to see all Reception children starting school looking so smart in their school uniforms.

In Reception we know there is no better way to learn about the world around them than by touching it, inhabiting it and shaping it, which inevitably means getting 'messy'. We therefore strongly advise you to bring in a spare set of uniform in a named plastic carrier bag to stay in school.

Water bottles

Children are encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day. Please provide a 'named' water bottle in school every day.

Lunches

Please look at the menu before coming to school and then tell us what your child would like for lunch.

Please remember that we are a nut free school when packing your child's lunch box.



Milk and Fruit

Milk and fruit is available for the children everyday.

Prayer books

Your child has now come home with the Reception prayers that they need to know by the end of the school year. Please can you practise with your child at home.

Prayer for Mary

THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.



Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.

Amen.

Literacy

This term we will be all about 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will be learning about the features of a book, writing and drawing all about the Gingerbread Man and we may even make ginger bread man biscuits.

Mathematics

Children will be getting to know the setting, exploring their new environment and getting to grips with routines. As the weeks progress we will do lots of matching, sorting and comparing amounts. Keep your eyes peeled on Tapestry to see what we are doing.

Phonics



In Reception, your child will be taught **phonics**, a method of learning to read words. They learn to read letters by saying the sounds they represent. They can then start to read words by **blending** individual sounds together to make words. I will be sending home worksheets for your child to continue their learning at home with you.

I will be holding a workshop for Reception class parents this term.

Reading



We will be sending a class library book home with your child soon. We encourage you to take the time to read the story together, looking at the pictures and talking about the characters and setting, storyline.

We encourage you to read with your child **at least 4 times** during the week **commenting 4 times** in the yellow reading record provided.

R.E

This term we are learning to be Curious and Active in all that we do.

The children will be learning about the story of **Creation** through pictures and captions and recognising the gifts that were given to them by God.

P.E

Your child will be having P.E lessons on a Tuesday with Mrs Howlett. Please ensure that your child's P.E is in school every **MONDAY** and will come home on **FRIDAY**. P.E lessons begin with learning to get dressed and undressed by ourselves and learning to look after our own clothes. Please make sure everything is named.

Topic



Our topic this term, Let's Explore, enables children to learn about the environments they share with others, including their homes, school and places in the local community.

Our class Bible quote about trusting God on our adventure.



Tapestry



In our school we use Tapestry, a secure, online learning journal to help staff and families celebrate your child's learning and development. You will have started to see observations uploaded on to this platform for your child.

Parent Meetings

These will be held throughout the term when it is your child's focus week. You will be then invited into school to discuss your child's development .

Reception do not have parents evening when the rest of the school do.

Finally

If there is anything else you wish to know, or want explained, do not hesitate to ask. Anyone of the team will be happy to answer any questions.

We want you to be fully involved in your child's learning journey.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wilsker

