Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School

Summer 1 2025 Curriculum Newsletter



Mars Class

Teacher's Message	Welcome back, I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed their break. We have, yet again, another busy half-term ahead of us, but I am sure that the children will enjoy all of our new learning. Just so you are aware, due to this half-term being so short, I am going to continue the areas of learning below into the first couple of weeks of summer 2 as well. Summer 2 is a long half-term and this will allow the children to enjoy the learning in all areas as they won't be squashed down into one short half-term. I hope this makes sense, if not, please ask.	
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. The children were reassessed before half-term and know their groups for this half-term. 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	Last half-term we thoroughly enjoyed reading 'The Hodgeheg' and some poems. However, we didn't make it onto "The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark' by Jill Tomlinson so we will read that this half-term. Jill Tomlinson Afraid Afraid The Dark	
English	This half-term in English, we will be beginning a new unit of work based on the book, 'Toys in Space' by Mini Grey. This is a fun book which will give the children the opportunity to write their own fantasy story about some toys who are taken onto a spaceship.	

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2+3=5	Maths	Year 1: In Maths this half term, Year 1 will be looking at multiplication and division, fractions and positions and directions. Year 2: Year 2 will be looking at fractions and time. As you might be aware, year 2 SATs are no longer statutory assessments. However, we will be getting the children to take some SATs papers in May as part of our assessment. This is not something the children need to worry about. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.	
	RE	In RE, our focus will be: To the ends of the Earth: 'Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Mt 28:19). In this branch, pupils will study the events that followed from the Resurrection and Ascension in the coming of the Holy Spirit and the work of the apostles and early Church.	
	Science	In Science throughout the whole of the summer term, we are learning about plants. We will be learning how a seed turns into a plant, the structure of a plant and what a plant needs to grow and stay healthy. This will include another walk to the nature reserve where we will be spotting wild plants.	
	Geography	Not a lead subject	
	History	In History we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will begin the topic thinking about what London is like now, we will then use evidence to find out how the Great Fire of London started, the damage it caused and why it spread so quickly. We will finish the unit thinking about how the Great Fire of London impacted the city in the future.	
	Art	In Art, we will be experimenting with and applying a range of techniques for collaging. This will include cutting, tearing, layering and superimposing before adding other marks and colour to represent an idea.	
505 505 505 505 505	Design Technology	Not a lead subject	
	RSHE	In RSHE this half term, we will be learning about the human life cycle and celebrating how we have already changed and grown. During the first week, could you please send into school a named baby photo of your child. We will need these in school for a couple of weeks and then I will send them home. Later in the half term, we will be reading the story of The Good Samaritan and thinking about the concept of the Trinity - God as a three in one community of love.	
	PE	In PE this half term we will be taking part in athletics activities with Mr C on Fridays. On Thursdays, we will be playing some net and wall games with Miss Humphrey.	

	Computing	During the children's computing lessons this half-term, they will be learning about programming with Mr Hopkins.		
	Music	Not a lead subject.		
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X		22nd April	Beginning of Summer Term Earth Day	
		5th May	May Day Bank Holiday	
		26th May	Half Term Holiday	
		2nd June	INSET Day (No Pupils)	
		20th June	4pm - 8pm School Barbecue	
		25th June	10am Sports Day	
@	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 after 6pm or at the weekend.		