### Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School

### Summer 1 2024 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.
Homework	Reading: Reading will 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 assessed before Easter 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	After spending a long time reading Matilda by Roald Dahl earlier in the year, this half-term we are going to enjoy some shorter, classic reads.  The Tiger Who Came to Tea Street Rabbit  The Tiger Who Came to Tea Street Rabbit  We're Going on a Bear Hunt  Michael Rosen  Helen Oxenbury  GRUFFALOS  GRUFFALOS
English	This half-term in English, we will begin reading and writing some poetry. We will be using the book, 'I love bugs' by Emma Dodd to inspire us. Later in the half-term we will be enjoying the fantastically, funny book, 'Mixed Up Fairy Tales' by Hilary Robinson.

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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 position and direction. Year 2: Year 2 will be looking at length and height, mass, capacity and temperature, fractions and time.
	RE	In RE we are using the Come and See programme and our topic is, 'Holidays and holy days'. We will be thinking about why both are important.
	Science	In Science this half-term, we will continue to learn about seasonal changes as we head into summer. We will also be learning about common wild and garden plants and deciduous and evergreen trees.
	Geography	Not a lead subject
	History	In History this half term, we will be learning about hospitals and healthcare. We will be thinking about how these have changed throughout history and how Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell helped to improve hospitals.
	Art	Not a lead subject
STEM.	STEM	We will be continuing our STEM project this half term. The children will continue to explore and program Beebots. They will also be introduced to the stop and go mouse. They will begin to program the mouse by writing algorithms.
	RSHE	In RSHE this half term, we will be following the Ten:Ten life to the full modules. We will be thinking about British Values, our communities and neighbours.
	PE	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 with a focus on target games. On Fridays, it will be with Mr Selley focusing on athletics.
	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.



# Upcoming dates/events

15th April	Summer Term Starts
22nd April	2.40pm Year 1/2 Class Liturgy (Parents/Carers invited)
23rd April	St George's Day School dinner theme day (Menu change - details will be sent nearer the time)
25th April	9.45am Whole School Classical Concert
6th May	May Day bank holiday
7th May	10am Mass for Pentecost in School
16th May	School dinner Mexican theme day "Fiesta Fun" (Menu change - details will be sent nearer the time)
17th May	10am Mass for Pentecost (Parents/Carers invited)



## Teacher contact:

Please come and see me if you have any worries or concerns. If this isn't possible then please contact me through  ${\it Class}$  Dojo.

Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30am - 3.15pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office <u>office@olsp.uk</u> 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.