Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School





Moons 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.		
	Phonics	The children were assessed before the end of the year and know their groups for this half-term. The children who are currently part of a phonics group should bring home a book bag 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. This will happen the first full week back to school. 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. For any children who have completed phonics, they will be working through a scheme called 'Pathways to Write'. They will also be working on spelling patterns and reading comprehension. These children will also access AR (Accelerated Reader) books from the library and they will quiz on these in school. These children will receive weekly spelling, punctuation and grammar homework. This will be sent home on a Friday. Please check your child's reading log for which group they are currently in. These will be update each half term.		
	Reading for Pleasure	This half term as a class, we will be reading a selection of wonderful stories together. These will include:		
	English	Reception: We will be focusing on the 'Colour Monster' and all about me stories to get the children settled into school. We will then be focusing on the story 'We're going to find a monster' and learning how to remember repeated phrases. Year 1: This half-term in English, we will be beginning a new unit of work based on the book, 'Meesha Makes Friends'. This is a lovely book about making and keeping friends.		
(2+3=5) (A)	Maths	Reception: In Maths we will be thinking about the number names of numbers to 10 and making marks to represent numbers to 10. Year 1: In Maths this half term, Year 1 will be looking at numbers to 10, part whole within 10 and addition within 10.		

In RE we will be beginning to use our new RED programme and our topic is 'Creation and Covenant'. We will be thinking about how the world exists and how all that has come to be. They will learn about the Christian belief that all that exists comes from God, the Creator, who Christians call Father, and that this belief is found in Scripture and the prayers of the Catholic Church. Science In Science this half-term, we are learning about animals including humans. Reception: We will be thinking about our bodies and naming different part of the body. We will be learning about how to keep ourselves healthy an how this might be similar/different to how we care for our pets. Year 1: We will focus on different types of animals, their offspring an how they survive. We will also be learning about the importance of exercis and a balanced diet. Geography Not a lead subject Reception: We will be exploring our favourite things and thinking about how we are similar/different. Then we will focus on our lives and look a important moments such as birthdays and special celebrations. Year 1: For our History we will be exploring how transport has changed over time. The children will be thinking about how travelling on water, in the dir, on land and into space has developed and how this has changed people'
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lives.
Reception: This half term we will exploring playing with colour. We will lear about the primary colours and how to mix these together to make additional colours. Year 1: In Art this half-term, the children will be focusing on colourful circles whilst learning about the artist Wassily Kandinsky. The children will be thinking about how Kandinsky used colour to express emotion.
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RSHE In RSHE this half term, we will be following our Ten:Ten, Life to the Fu programme. Reception: We will learning about what is prayer and why people pray. Year 1: Over five lessons, children will hear and experience the Gospe 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 throug times of discussion, imaginative reflection and creative response, childred will learn that they are created by God out of love and for love.
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	Computing	During our computing lessons this half-term, the children will be learning about computing systems and networks with Mr Hopkins. The children will be thinking about what a computer is and how inputs and outputs work. They will also be considering how computers are used in the wider world.		
	Music	Not a lead subject		
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X X	dates/events	5th September	First Day Back to school	
		25th September 2024	"Winston's Wish" - Wear your Wellies to School Day	
		30th September	Kindness Week	
		12th November	Odd Socks Day	
		17th December	Rudolph Run Day 2024	
@	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.		