



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Autumn 1 Class Newsletter

Year 6

Class Teacher: Mr Cooper

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back—I hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for an exciting new year. I am really looking forward to the year ahead and to teaching Year 6.

Maths

This term, we will be focusing on place value, specifically: numbers to 10 million; comparing and ordering any number; rounding numbers to 10, 100 and 1,000 and negative numbers.

We will then be moving onto the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Children will gain a deeper understanding of how to manipulate problems in context and will develop their understanding of written methods, as well as mental ones.

Furthermore, we will begin our fractions unit where we will start to compare and organise, simplify and recognise equivalence, as well as applying the four operations.

It is imperative that your child is practising and learning their times tables at home on a daily basis, this will underpin much of their learning this term.

English

Class novel: The place for me: Stories about the Windrush Generation.

Over the next few weeks Year 6 will learn to write an information leaflet about a period in Black history (this will be a hybrid text type including information, recount and explanation texts). We will be looking at how to enhance meaning through selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary. We will also be using modal verbs and adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility, as well as using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.

Reading in school

We will continue to send reading books home with reading records this term so we can share in the reading you do with your children. Please do continue to read more difficult books to your child as well because sharing all levels of books and practising reading is so important. We are trying to help the children see that reading is fun, that it opens up whole new worlds and adventures for us, so if you can share books at home with your children in a fun and enjoyable way, that would really help support this idea. Reading is also vital for developing vocabulary, imagination and comprehension skills.

Topic—Maafa

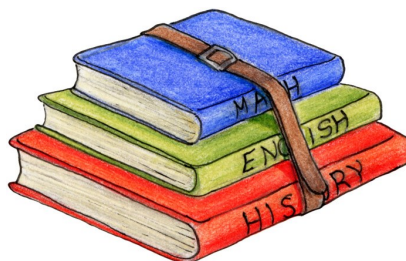
This term, our topic is '**Maafa**', which heavily focuses on history and geography. This project teaches children about Africa's past and present and the development of the slave trade. It also explores Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora.

Science—Circulatory System

This project teaches children about the transport role of the human circulatory system, its main parts and primary functions. Children will learn about healthy lifestyle choices and the effects of harmful substances on the body.

This is a great unit of work, with lots of practical learning and science experiments!

Art and DT Topics: Tints, tones and shades; Trailblazers and Barrier Breakers; Food for life.



RE:

In RE we will look at 'The Story of the People of God'.

Children will learn some of the stories of significant people in the Old Testament and will be able to discuss the relationship these people had with God. As well as the structure of the Bible and the forms of literature that are found in different books.

Following units: Celebrating the life of Mary and the Saints, Prayers in the lives of the followers of Christ, Advent .

Prayer focus this term is:

The Apostle's Creed

*I believe in God the Father almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth.*

*And in Jesus Christ his only son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died and was buried.*

*He descended into hell, the third day
he rose again from the dead.*

*He ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty.*

*From there he shall come to judge
the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Catholic Church,*

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

*the resurrec-
tion of the
body,*

*and life ever-
lasting.*

Amen



Values this term:

Compassionate and Loving

Home Learning

Children will be given orange home learning books this year. Homework will be set on Fridays and will be expected to be in school by the following Thursday.

Homework will consist of:

- Maths
- English
- Spelling

It is extremely important that your child is still practising their times tables in order to build speed and fluency.

PE this term

Children must have their PE kits in school. This includes: a house coloured top, a plain jumper, navy/black joggers/shorts and suitable trainers. Football shirts are not permitted as PE kit.

PE days: Wednesday and Friday

Mobile Phones

I am aware that in Year 6 children start to walk to/from school on their own. If your child brings a mobile phone to school, it must be handed to me at the start of the day and I will keep it safely locked away in a drawer. Phones will be returned at the end of the day.

If you have any queries about your

child's progress or welfare, please do not hesitate to contact me to make an appointment to come and see me. You can do this by catching me after school when you collect your child.

With best wishes,

Mr Cooper