



# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

## Spring 1 and 2 Class Newsletter

Year 1

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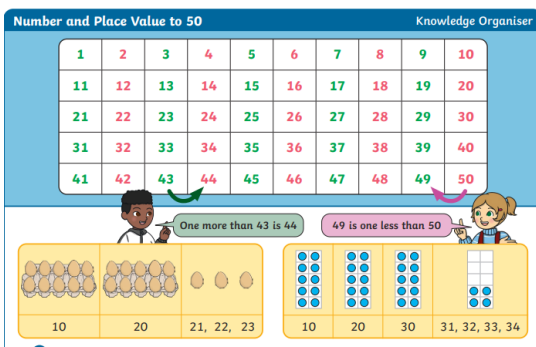
Dear Parents/Carers and children,

I hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas break and have recharged your batteries.

Thank you for all of your kind Christmas gifts. They were very thoughtful and appreciated.

### Maths

Over the next two terms we will continue to follow the Numbersense scheme of work. This will consist of learning about place value to 20, addition and subtraction to 20, place value to 50, length and height and weight and volume.



### English

Over the next two terms we will be learning about at traditional tales, repeating patterns, poems on a theme, information texts and instructions. Within these genres we will be looking at a variety of stories with variation on the theme. Our books are 'Goldilocks and just the one Bear' and 'The curious case of the missing Mammoth'. We will continue to focus on handwriting, spellings, capital letters and full stops. We will also begin to look at a wide variety of the year 1 suffixes, ed, ing, er, and est in our writing and also introduce exclamation marks and question marks. Our writing skills will also develop by using a range of conjunctions such as, but, so

and, because to join sentences.

### Phonics

It is incredibly important that your child reads with you daily. This will help them to read in their head (Fred in your head) and increase their reading fluency. Remember by the end of year 1 your child is expect to read at least 60 words in a minute. We will also be doing lots of phonic screening practise in school and your child may come home with the odd alien word to practise with you.



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## Topic

Our topic over the next two terms is called :

Bright Lights, Big City.

We will have a geography focus this term and will look at various landmarks, local and those from around the country. We will learn about the weather and seasonal changes and then learn about The Great Fire of London. We will also explore collagraphy in art.

## Prayer and RE learning

This term our theme is Christmas, Jesus Teacher and Healer and Forgiveness. We will look at sequencing Jesus' life from the Christmas story to the Annunciation. We will then learn about the Prodigal Son and how we can show forgiveness through prayer and our actions.



## Expectations for home learning in Year 1

Year 1 children are expected to read at home at least 4 times a week. Your child will come home with a RWInc book that relates to their phonic grouping and a library book of their choosing.

These will come home on a Friday and should be returned the following Friday.

## P.E days

P.E will be on Thursdays.

Please wear your P.E kit in on a Thursday.

Remember we will go outside in all weathers so an extra pair of socks or outdoor P.E jumper will be great on those winter days. Please see the school website for the correct kit.

## Water bottles and uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a named water bottle and all school uniform is named. We have 30 children in our class and many wear the same age clothing. It is incredibly hard to return clothing to the correct child if it is unnamed and will end up in lost property.

## School Rules

At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary school, our whole school rules are — **Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe**— these rules guide our behaviour and interactions, creating an environment where everyone can thrive. But what do they mean?

**BE READY**— Our body and brain are prepared to start learning.

We pay attention to what is happening around us.

**BE RESPECTFUL**— We treat people the way we would like to be treated. We use kind words and actions.

**BE SAFE**— We use our bodies and equipment in the right way to keep ourselves and others safe.

## Our Core Values

**Human dignity:** respecting the uniqueness of each person.

**Compassion:** giving support and understanding to one another.

**Justice:** acting with integrity, respecting the rights of all

**Quality:** always seeking to improve our knowledge and standards

**Advocacy:** striving to create a community characterised by harmony and collaboration

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please catch me on the door or email the office to arrange a meeting.

Mrs Smith

