



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Year 6 Spring Newsletter

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Welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to an exciting and productive term ahead in Year 6.

Home Learning

Home learning continues as it did last term. We expect all children to meet homework deadlines which includes reading as well as written homework in books.

Reading: Reading books will be given to your child and changed when they have finished them. We would encourage your child to read at least 4x a week. In addition to their school reading book, we recommend your child has a different book that they have chosen to read for pleasure. Reading records should be in school every day.

English and maths: English and Maths homework will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned by the following Thursday.

TT Rock Stars: It is extremely important that your child is still practising their times tables in order to build speed and fluency. This can be practised on Times Table Rock Stars (Login details are located in reading records).

How can you help?

In order to build independence in readiness for moving to secondary school next year, it is important that your child begins to organise themselves. This includes meeting homework deadlines, being on time for school and ready to learn, having PE kit and having reading books and reading records in school. We want to encourage the children to take more responsibility for their own learning, by demonstrating effective learning behaviours, and these aspects will help them to achieve this.

PE

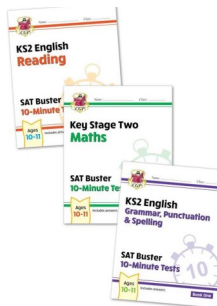
Children will have **PE lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays** (weather dependent). We ask that children come into school on those days, wearing PE kits.

Please ensure your child has appropriate kit for outdoor and indoor sports. This includes: a house coloured top, a plain jumper, navy/black jogging bottoms and shorts and suitable trainers. Football shirts are not permitted as PE kit. Jewellery should not be worn in PE lessons and long hair should be tied back.

SATS Information

SATs Information

With SATs taking place during the week beginning 11th May, we have received many questions about additional revision that children can complete at home. There are a range of excellent resources available. In particular, the CGP series offers useful workbooks, which can be purchased from Amazon, Waterstones, or WHSmith. These include books for individual papers, as well as general Maths and English revision guides.



As a reminder, SATS papers are:

- Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
- Reading
- Mathematics Arithmetic



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Attendance: As always, attendance is of great importance and any absences, even if only one day, can have a negative impact on your child's learning. Taking responsibility for their attendance also instils good habits within the children, for the future. Of course, sickness cannot be helped and we would not expect your child to be in with a significant illness.

Walking home and phones

Year 6 children will continue to be allowed to walk home with written permission from parents. Please provide a note to the office should you wish your child to walk home. If children need to bring in a mobile phone, they will be required to switch it off as soon as they enter the school premises and to hand it in when they arrive in class. The phone will then be locked away in the school office and returned at the end of the day. **Mobile phones are only permitted if your child is walking to or from school on their own.**

RE: This term in RE, we will begin by looking at Christmas, where we will explore the story of the birth of Christ from the Gospels of St Matthew and St Luke. We will then move on to Baptism and Confirmation, where children will learn about the celebration of the Sacraments. They will explore the signs and symbols of both Sacraments and learn about the gift of the Holy Spirit received through their celebration.

Prayer focus:

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit,
and they shall be created,
and you will renew the face of the earth.
O God,
Who has taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that by the gift of that same Spirit
we may be always truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Amen .*

Maths

Over the next term, we will be focusing on: Multiplication and division, fractions and percentages, order of operations and shape.

We will also be revising learnt concepts in preparation for SATs.

Due to how much we have to get through during this term, it is essential 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

We will be writing journal entries from the perspective of Ernest Shackleton, which links to this term's topic, 'Frozen Kingdoms'. We will then use the information we have learnt about Antarctica to write an information text.

Science

Electrical circuits and components.

Art and DT Topics: Inuit art, environmental artists and engineering.

Computing

Variables in games and spreadsheets.

Topic—Frozen Kingdoms

This term, our topic is 'Frozen Kingdoms', which heavily focuses on geography. This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of polar regions, including the North and South Poles, and includes a detailed exploration of the environmental factors that shape and influence them. We will also touch on history through significant people and polar explorations. As well as significant events, such as the sinking of the Titanic.

Finally, to support your child's transition to secondary school, we encourage them to speak to us directly if they have any queries or concerns about any aspect of school life. This helps them to build confidence and independence, which will be important as they move on to the next stage of their education. Please be assured that we are always here to listen and support them.

If parents have any concerns or queries they wish to raise with us, please make an appointment via the school office.

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.

