
















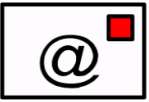
## Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School

### Half Termly Curriculum Newsletter

Class: 1

Spring 2

	<b>Teacher's Message</b>	Hello here is your half termly newsletter. I hope this update will give you a flavour of what we are going to be getting up to in class during Spring 2.
	<b>Homework</b>	<p>Children will be receiving weekly homework on a Friday set on Google Classroom with a link also available on Class Dojo. Each child will be given a handwriting / spelling task, a maths task on iXL that will be linked to the learning in class that week.</p> <p>The first week of each half term there will also be a <u>research based project</u> linked to a foundation subject focus. This can be completed at any time during the half term and provides an opportunity for children to deepen their understanding in a different curriculum area.</p>
	<b>Reading for Pleasure</b>	The children are doing an amazing job of reading and we have so many children on AR now. I hope we can continue this, this half term to really instil the love and need to be good readers
	<b>Reading</b>	<p>We are continuing to use VIPERS to build our understanding of books. VIPERS covers vocabulary, inference, predict, explain, retrieve, sequence / summarise. We use all of these skills when looking at the focus text for the week.</p> <p>The children continue to have phonics in their separate groups each morning. They will be bringing home a book-bag-book related to the sound/ focus in their group each week. We recommend you try and read with your child 3-4 times a week to build their confidence and fluency.</p>
	<b>Writing</b>	This half term we will be focusing on explanation texts for 4 weeks considering questions and complex sentences and how we can use these in our own work. Then for the last two weeks of the half term we will be looking at poetry before attempting to write our own poems.
	<b>Maths</b>	In maths we will be looking at addition and subtraction within 20 before moving on to numbers to 50! We will be taking a little look at length, height, weight and volume towards the end of the term.
	<b>RE</b>	Our focus in RE this half term is Lent and Easter. We will be discussing why things change. We will also be having a look at Islam and learning about two of their special stories.

 <p>History</p>	<b>History</b>	<p>We will be looking at explorers and discoveries, particularly looking at Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong, asking what made their discoveries possible and what impact has that had on our lives now.</p>
	<b>Design Technology</b>	<p>The children will be having a textile focus this half term in DT looking at fabrics and joining techniques. We are going to be engaging more with the design process to create a final piece.</p>
	<b>RSHE</b>	<p>In class we will be exploring ideas of what keeps us safe? Who will help us? How do we manage change? We will also continue to look at staying healthy.</p>
	<b>PE</b>	<p>In one of our sessions we will be focusing on tennis and in our other session will be learning the game of Golf, improving our ball control and learning the skills involved in the game. We will be improving our hand eye coordination and aim within this subject.</p>
	<b>Music</b>	<p>The children will be continuing to enjoy a music session this half term.</p>
	<b>Upcoming dates/events</b>	<p><b>1st March</b> Children return to school (Please note Monday 28th February is an inset day) also St Patrick's day.  <b>2nd March</b> Ash Wednesday liturgy  <b>3rd March</b> World book day  <b>Monday 14th &amp; Wednesday 16th March</b> Parent/Carer consultation Evenings  <b>3rd- 5th May</b> Cap Workshops</p>
	<b>Teacher contact:</b>	<p><a href="mailto:aokane@olsp.uk">aokane@olsp.uk</a></p> <p>There will also be a message board outside of class one for any messages you wish to leave or I am available via class dojo.</p> <p><i>Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30am - 3.15pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office <a href="mailto:office@olsp.uk">office@olsp.uk</a> during the school day.</i></p> <p><i>There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to emails received after 6pm or at the weekend.</i></p>