

How to help at home

We are very fortunate to have such supportive parents at OLS and greatly appreciate the help you give your children at home. Here are a few specific ways that you can help:

- Please discuss the homework that is set each week (Wednesdays on Class Notebook) with your child so that you know what they have been asked to do and can check that they are doing it regularly and neatly.
- Help them to revise their weekly spellings.
- Please encourage them to be adventurous in their reading choices and to read with you regularly at home. If possible, take them to the library where there is a much wider choice of books to help develop their appreciation of a variety of authors.
- Please help your child practice their times tables at home to ensure they are confident with all of their tables to 12.
- Encourage children to use numeracy skills as much as they can outside school – particularly help with fractions, coordinates, percentages and units of measure.
- Ask them to show you their written methods of calculation for multiplication, division, subtraction and addition.
- When appropriate, help them to practise their research skills using the internet and to write up their findings in their own words.
- Encourage children to use a programme like ‘Dance Mat Typing’ to develop and speed up their typing skills.

Our Lady’s Catholic Primary School



“A place of learning – A community of Christ”

Curriculum Information
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Year Group
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Dear Parents and Children,

At Our Lady's we follow the National Curriculum. This leaflet gives a brief outline of the knowledge and skills being learned in the curriculum in your class this term. A map of our whole school curriculum can be found on the school website.

Religious Education – We follow the 'Come and See' programme which ensures we cover the curriculum set out by the Bishops of England and Wales. The whole school will cover the same themes with each class approaching it in a different way.

Theme	Learning
Local Church – Mission	Understanding how Jesus' mission relates to all Christians.
Eucharist-Memorial Sacrifice	Discuss how the Eucharist keeps the memory of Jesus' sacrifice alive and present in a special way.
Lent/Easter-Sacrifice	Understand how Lent is a time of giving in preparation for the celebration of the sacrifice of Jesus.
Islam	Beliefs and Festivals – Ramadan and Pilgrimage

Literacy – In Literacy this term, we will be developing writing in particular through the following forms of writing: **persuasive letters, character descriptions and different poetic style.**

The children need to focus on the following skills in particular:

Text organisation and structure;
Using a variety of sentences for effect;
Evaluating and editing their work.

Numeracy – This term, we will be focussing on the following key skills:

Comparing and ordering fractions, decimals and percentages.
Area and perimeter
Reading and answer questions on different types of graphs and tables.
Developing thinking skills by solving word problems with more than one step as well as puzzles and investigations.
Drawing and measuring angles accurately using a protractor.
Developing quick and efficient mental methods.

In the rest of the curriculum, we will be concentrating on the following areas of learning:

ICT	We are Cryptographers and We are Games Developers.
Science	Reproduction in plants and animals
PE	Swimming, Tennis and Netball
Art	William Morris- printing project.
DT	Building bridges
Music	Learning to play a brass instrument.
History	Crime and Punishments through the ages.
Geography	Transport and coasts.
French	Food, planets and journeys.
PSRE	We will be using the Life to the Full programme and our theme this term is 'Created to Love others'. A letter will go home before we begin to teach it.