

OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH PRIMARY SCHOOL/ SPRING TERM CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, I hope you all had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year! I have included all the topics we will be learning in the 1st half (**blue**) and 2nd half (**green**) of the term for each subject.

English: Grammar skills (direct speech, onomatopoeia, conjunctions); Exploring Poetry (Roger McGough, Valerie Bloom, Michael Rosen; Grammar skills (fronted adverbials, tenses, prepositions); Information report writing on North and South America (Geography link); Please continue to read a range of texts with your child at home to encourage understanding and fluency.

Reading: Children will be reading Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White. They will also be working on a range of comprehensions throughout the Spring Term.

Maths: Fractions; Time and using a clock with direction and position; Reading scales and measurement; Data Handling; Lines of Symmetry; Coordinates; Area and Perimeter; Number & place value; Multiplication and Division facts up to 12x; Mental & written addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers; Two-step word problems

R.E: Local Church - Community; Islam; Eucharist - Relating. Inspirational people and Saints are also taught throughout the term. Encourage children to explore the different features of their local community and what makes it special.

Science: Sound and Electricity and States of matter. Explore these areas at home by visiting cultural attractions such as Hackney City Farm and the Science Museum.

Computing: Creating reports based on Geography topic and exploring digital maps. In Spring 2, we will be using online programs preparing the children for their times table test in the Summer.

Geography: Let’s go on a Great American Roadtrip Useful tips for home: Explore maps, atlases, globes and digital computer maps. Also, explore the use of the eight points of the compass.

Art & Design: We will practising shading and toning using sketching pencils; exploring charcoal; Watercolour; exploring artist Tim Wakefield.

Spanish: Our Spanish topics we will cover are transport (keywords, journeys, conversation skills) and Sports (keywords, hobbies, conversation skills). Children will also learn about a Spanish speaking country.

<b>TIMES TABLES</b>	<b>SWIMMING</b>	<b>HOME LEARNING</b>
As always, continuous practise of times tables is extremely important. There will be a national test on times tables in June. Please encourage your child to practice all times table up to 12.	Children will now be swimming every Friday morning. Please ensure your child has a swimming costume and a towel, as this weekly lesson is a part of the Year 4 curriculum. PE will take place every Tuesday afternoon.	Home learning is assigned every Thursday and is due in every Monday. It is based on topics covered during the week. Spellings and times tables are handed out every Monday and should be practised before test-time on Friday.