

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Primary School
Year 5 Curriculum News
Spring Term One 2025

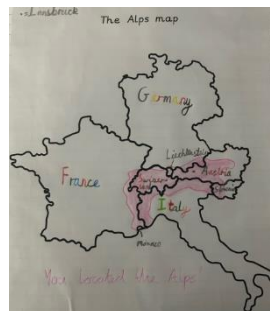


Welcome:

Welcome back to school, everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed the festive season. I'm looking forward to a fun and exciting term of learning with you all.

I hope you're all feeling refreshed and ready to learn. We have lots of exciting things planned for this term, and I can't wait to see what we achieve together. Let's make this the best term yet!

Rewind to last term:



Reminders:

PE days – Wednesday and Friday.

Please bring your book to school daily, along with your signed reading record (by an adult), to show you have read at home.

Homework given out every Friday and to be handed in the following Wednesday

Curriculum Overview

Mathematics

- Multiplication and Division
- Perimeter and area
- Fractions
- Decimals and percentages

Reading and writing

This term in English, we will be embarking on an exciting journey through the cosmos! We will delve into the captivating world of 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce, exploring its engaging narrative and thought-provoking themes. Alongside our novel study, we will be honing our writing skills through two exciting units:

Persuasive Writing: We will craft compelling travel brochures for out-of-this-world destinations, mastering the art of persuasive language, including emotive language, rhetorical questions, and persuasive techniques.

Setting Description: We will develop our descriptive writing skills by crafting vivid and imaginative descriptions of alien landscapes, space stations, and otherworldly environments.

History

This term in History, we will be embarking on a fascinating journey through the Tudor period! We will learn about the powerful King Henry VIII and his six wives. We will delve into primary and secondary sources, learning to identify reliable information and use it to understand life in Tudor England. We will explore topics such as marriage, power, and punishment, and even create our own Tudor inventories! I am confident that this will be an exciting and enriching learning experience for all of us.

Science

This term in Science, we'll be exploring the wonders of space! We'll learn about the planets, stars, and how our solar system works. We'll discover the difference between the geocentric and heliocentric models, and understand how the Earth spins on its axis and orbits the Sun, causing day and night and the changing seasons. We'll even learn how to tell time using a sundial! We'll also be investigating the impact of space junk and the importance of satellites.

PE

This term in PE, we will be developing our fitness and coordination through exciting activities like dodgeball and gymnastics. We'll learn to dodge, throw, and catch in dodgeball, while gymnastics will help us improve our balance, flexibility, and strength. I'm sure you'll have lots of fun and develop some amazing skills!

Music

This term in Music, we will be continuing to develop our musical skills by learning to play the ukulele with our specialist music teacher. We will build on our existing knowledge and explore new chords and strumming patterns. We will also be learning to play some exciting new songs and maybe even try some simple composing! I'm sure everyone will enjoy making music together.

RE - Branch 3 Galilee to Jerusalem

In this branch, pupils will explore the 'new law' given by Jesus, his summary of the law of Moses, and the transfiguration of the Jesus, where the disciples Peter, James and John see him accompanied by Elijah, the greatest of the prophets and Moses, the giver of the Law. Pupils will also look at how Jesus shows the love of neighbour in action through one of his parables and the Our Father as the perfect prayer and summary of the whole gospel

Computing

- Spreadsheets
- Databases
- Game creator

French –

- Days of the week and months of the year

Design and Technology:

- Describe the process of beef production.
- Research a traditional recipe and make changes to it.
- Add nutritional value to a recipe by selecting ingredients.
- Prepare and cook a version of bolognese sauce.

Homework expectations:

Reading

It is strongly encouraged that children read regularly to an adult at home (at least three times per week) and give a little time to discuss what has been read. Please record your child's reading in their reading record. This supports children's fluency as well as their vocabulary and understanding of the books they read. Reading really is the foundation of all learning. Alongside their reading book, your child will be given a reading challenge. Their books will be changed once they have completed the reading challenge and a parental signature is in their reading record.

Spellings

Purple Mash Spelling scheme provides children with a fun way to learn their spellings each week, in school and at home. Children will be sent home with Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check sheet that is in line with the spellings for each week. As well as completing their LSCWC document, we encourage children to access the set quizzes and beat their time and accuracy of spellings throughout the week on the online scheme.

Times tables

Equally, I encourage children to regularly access Times Tables Rockstars at home (preferably three times a week) to support the learning of the times tables. By the end of Year 3, children should be able to accurately and quickly recall the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables, which will support them knowing all the times tables facts to 12 by the end of Year 4. Times table facts are key to supporting numerous areas of the maths curriculum.

If you click on your avatar icon in the top right of the screen and then click 'Stats', a heatmap will load. It shows how successful your child is at each of the facts.

Useful websites.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/ourlady-dn2#/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>



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