

**St. Laurence Catholic Primary Year 1/2 Curriculum Letter Autumn term 2018**

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Through God's grace, a community growing in knowledge and understanding

**RE**

In Religion children will be exploring the following topics:

Beginnings—God’s Great Plan—The Creation Story

Signs and Symbols of Christianity

Families—God’s Care and Love for every family

Advent—Mary Mother of God

Another world faith

The children will also participate in class and whole school prayers, meditation and school masses.

**English**

**Poetry**

Children will read a range of different poems and will perform and learn some by heart. They will write their own poems about dragons.

**Non-fiction**

Children will explore a range of non-fiction texts that link to their IPC topics. They will write instruction texts on how to wash a woolly mammal as well as writing a fact file about the moon.

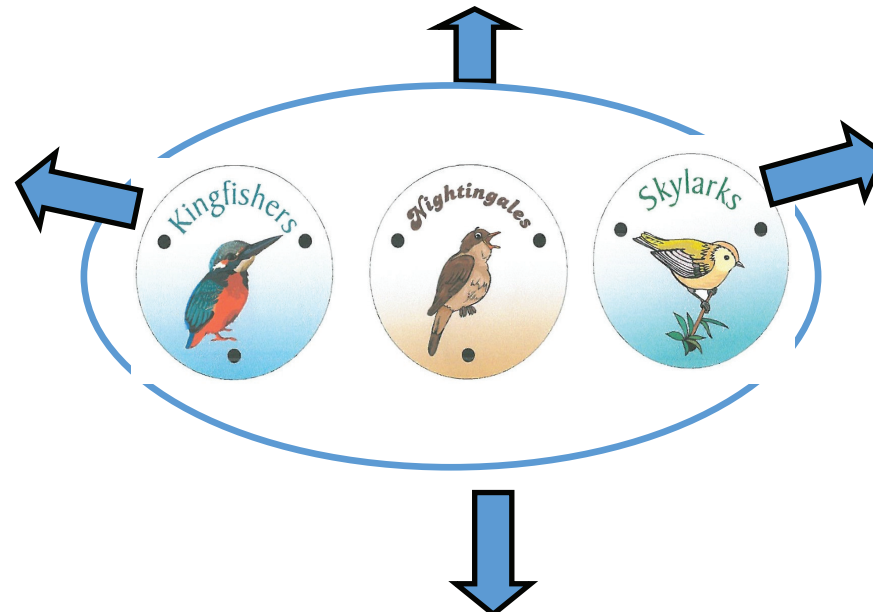
**Narratives**

Children will explore different texts which are written in a range of narrative styles, with imaginative illustrations to complement the writing. The children will write character and setting descriptions, and plan and write short narratives.

**Grammar focus:**

Learn how to use punctuation correctly, including capital letters and full stops. They will write sentences including the use of questions, statements, commands and exclamation marks. Learn how to use sentences with different forms.

The above units will support the children’s development of phonics, word recognition, spelling, sentence structure, punctuation and vocabulary.



**PE**—Children will participate in a weekly dance or gymnastics lesson with their class teacher and multi skills lessons with the Sports coach. They will also participate in Forest School activities each week.

**Music**— The children will learn to discriminate between higher and lower sounds and to create simple melodic patterns. They will also recognise different ways sounds are made and changed. They will name, how to play a variety of classroom instruments.

**Art/DT**— The children will use their art/DT session each week to develop their understanding of their topic work. They will watch a professional puppet show by the Norwich Puppet Theatre Company and use the performance to give them ideas on creating their own puppets later in the term.

**Maths**

In Year 1 children will develop their oral, mental and written skills in:

- Counting, sequencing, estimating and ordering
- Place value and properties of numbers
- Number facts
- Addition and subtraction
- Geometry: describing and visualising common 2D and 3D shapes

In Year 2 children will develop their oral, mental and written skills in:

- Counting, sequencing, estimating and ordering
- Place value and properties of numbers
- Number facts
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

Children will focus on each area of maths for an extended number of lessons allowing them to deepen their understanding.

## International Primary Curriculum Topic (IPC)

IPC is a whole school planning tool. It is a comprehensive, thematic, creative curriculum for 3-12 year olds, with a clear process of learning and with specific learning goals for every subject. The foundation subjects are taught through a main topic.

This term your child will be learning about the following topics:

### Super Humans



#### **The children will follow a unit of work on a theme that focuses on the human body.**

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- What the main external parts of the body are called
- What the five human senses are
- How we can see, hear, smell, taste and touch
- How the brain connects to other body parts
- How to eat healthily and get enough exercise
- How and why we use medicines
- Why body hygiene is important

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to plan and prepare a healthy meal

In International studies, we'll be finding out:

- What malaria is and how we can prevent it
- If we can improve the health of the world's children

### The Magic

#### Toymaker



#### **The children will follow a unit of work on a theme that focuses on the exploration of toys and games.**

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About toys and games from the past
- How to decide if a toy is new or old
- How to create our own toy museum
- How we can learn about the past in different ways

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- How to sort toys based on what they are made out of
- Which materials can be bent, squashed, twisted or stretched
- What materials are best for making a bath toy
- About pushes and pulls, and how things move

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- About 'magic' toys that fool our eyes
- How to design and make our own board game
- How to design and make our own puppets

In Physical Education, we'll be finding out:

- About how different toys move
- How to attack and defend

In ICT & Computing, we'll be finding out:

- How to make our own space-themed computer game

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About a popular game from another country and teaching others to play it

Our weekly class overview letters, available on the school website and via Parentmail, will provide more details of each week's learning. If you have any questions or queries please see your child's class teacher who is available at the beginning and end of each day or via the school office on 01223 712227 to book an appointment.