

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Nursery and Primary School



## 2010 - Y6 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER



### General

Much of our work this term will be revision; revisiting past topics and areas of learning that are essential when preparing Y6 children for SATs in May. **SATs week commences 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.**

### Literacy

This term we will be covering a range of genre: arguments, reports, recount, explanation, discussions, persuasion as well as a range of poetry, through reading, role-play and writing. We will also work on our comprehension skills when reading.



### Numeracy

This term we will be focusing on building confidence in counting, partitioning and calculating, securing number facts, understanding shape and handling data and measures. We will continue to be supported on a weekly basis by a maths teacher from Christ the King high school.



### R.E. (Here I Am)

**Special People:** The children explore people whose inspiration has brought a group or community into existence.

**Meals:** The children explore their experience of food as a necessity for life. They hear about Jesus, 'The Bread of Life'.

**Good & Evil:** Children explore their experience of what constitutes good and evil and the difficulty of discernment.

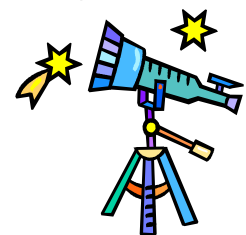
### Foundation Subjects

We will continue with our current History topic, World War 2.

**I.C.T.** - using the internet, Microsoft Publisher and Powerpoint. **Music and Art** - the work of Clarice Cliff and Charles Renee Macintosh and **P.E.** - cricket, gymnastics, football and dance.

### Science

We will be spending a week on each topic as we revise our science this term. The children will receive regular homework in this area. The children will also be undertaking regular practical experiments in order to further enhance their investigative and questioning skills.



### Homework

The children are currently receiving weekly Numeracy and Literacy homework on a Friday. It is important that this is completed and handed in on a Tuesday (unless they attend Homework Club) as it provides valuable reinforcement of what has been taught during that week. Our spelling lessons take place on a Tuesday. Children will receive a list of spellings to learn at home and will be tested on those spellings the following week. It is also the expectation that all children will read each evening at home. Science revision notes are also given out on a Monday each week. All children need to learn their notes for the following Monday, when they will be tested. **You can support your child in this important year by ensuring that all homework is completed on time.**

### Booster Classes

This term we will be undertaking Booster classes, to which children will receive a personal invitation. These classes are held before and after school and have been proven to be **very** effective in giving that extra boost to those children who we feel have the potential to achieve a certain level but are not quite there yet. If your child is invited to a class/es please support us by ensuring regular attendance.



### RM Maths and Better Reading

For the same reasons that we offer Booster Classes we will be offering RM Maths and Better Reading programmes to targeted children. These are effective in helping children improve in a short space of time.

### Dates for your diary

National Y6 SATs week - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Please make a note of this date.

Dates for further visits and trips will be given to you nearer the time.



### Useful Websites

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/index.htm>

<http://www.coxhoe.durham.sch.uk/Curriculum/Numeracy.htm>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/index.shtml>

<http://www.subtangent.com/maths/index.php>

