Dear Parents, welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope you all had a peaceful and joyful break with lots of presents. Welcome also to our new starters Dayna, Phoenix and Nicola who have just started their learning journey at Our Lady of Lourdes. This newsletter is to share with you some of the subjects that we will be covering with your children over the next few months. This will help you to be able to support and encourage your children’s learning at home. As always, if you have any worries or questions, please feel free to come and speak to us at anytime. We look forward to working with you and teaching your children for the rest of the year.

Curricular Areas
Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside. All the fun activities that you do with your child at home are important in supporting their learning and development, and have a really long lasting effect on your child’s learning as they progress through school.

Literacy, Language and Communication
- Recognising and writing their own name.
- Talk to your child at every opportunity - e.g. what you are doing that day.
- On a trip to the supermarket, talk about all the different packaging shapes.
- Sing and tell nursery rhymes.
- Use the weather - shadows, rain puddles, snow, wind, mist and sun - to extend your child’s vocabulary.
- Talk about the colours, words and letters you see when you are out and about.

Numeracy
- Number recognition
- Counting by rote.
- Counting objects in different contexts.
- Measuring objects using standard and non-standard measure.
- Talk about the numbers, you see when you are out and about.

Religious Education - Getting to know Jesus
- To know that Jesus has great love for each one of us.
- To think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus.

It would be helpful if:
You could discuss with your child what they have been doing in school each day.
Our topic this term is ‘Winter and Superheroes.’ Your children will be learning all about the seasons and cold places, also about superheroes including mum and dads – the best superheroes around.
Talk with your children about the different seasons and how the environment changes. Talk to them about what makes a superhero.

Dates to Remember
P.E will be on Tuesday morning. Nursery children do not require a P.E kit but it is helpful if they can take their shoes on and off independently.

Some Nursery children will attend the school celebration assemblies on Friday mornings and also any other special class assemblies throughout the year.