

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to keep you informed about your child's learning each new school term we will send you an overview of the curriculum your child will be covering. This information may enable you to take your child on visits and/or find library books or other resources that will support their learning.

During the Lent term you will have the opportunity once again to meet with your child's class teacher at the Parent Consultation Meeting and discuss in more detail their individual progress. Dates for this meeting were in the January newsletter and appointment times will be arranged later in the term.

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| <p>Religious Education: Topics covered this term –</p> <p>Community In Year 1 we will focus on Special People. The children will learn that there are special people in their lives who are there to help them. They will learn that on Sunday in church, we meet people who do special jobs and that Jesus is the special person for the parish family.</p> <p>Relating Our theme for relating will be Meals. The children will explore the experience of sharing special meals. They will learn that Catholics go to Mass as members of God's family and recognise the Mass as Jesus' special meal.</p> <p>Giving Our theme for giving will be Change. The children will learn that like the seasons of the year they too change and grow and that Lent is a time to change in preparation for the celebration of Easter.</p>  | <p>English:</p> <p>Handwriting – to form lower and upper case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place.</p> <p>Writing, grammar and punctuation work – to combine words to make a sentence by using capital letters, finger spaces, full stop, question mark or exclamation mark. To practise composing a sentence orally before writing it and sequence sentences to form short narratives.</p> <p>Reading – to read for pleasure. To practise reading aloud accurately from books that is consistent with their developing phonic knowledge. They will become familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics.</p> <p>Spoken language – the children will be encouraged to speak clearly and confidently. They will be encouraged to retell a well-known story and remember the main characters.</p> <p>Phonics and spellings – the children will continue with daily phonic sessions and will learn more graphemes and phonemes. Alternative pronunciations for graphemes will also be introduced.</p> |
| <p>Maths: Please note that the Calculation Policy is in the Home and school Diary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 • To represent and use number bonds to 10 and 20 • To use language such as equals, equal to, more than, fewer, most, least • To tell the time to the hour and half past the hour • To recognise and know about the different denominations of coins and notes. <p>In your child's diary a password has been sent home for you to access the "Times Table Rock Stars" website to help them learn the 2, 5, and 10 times tables.</p> | <p>Science:</p> <p>Everyday materials To identify, name and investigate a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, fabric, glass, metal, water and rock.</p> <p>Seasonal changes The children will continue to observe changes across the seasons.</p> |

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| <p>Computing:</p> <p>The first half term our topic is called ‘We are Inventors’ and in this unit the children will be using the internet to research famous inventors.</p> <p>The second half term our topic is called ‘We are Painters’ and in this unit the children are challenged to create a fairy tale storybook that they can share with others.</p> <p>Online-safety:</p> <p>The children will continue to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private.</p> | <p>P.E.</p> <p>All Year 1 children will continue to have two PE lessons per week. There will be one indoor and one outdoor lesson. The lessons will concentrate on improving balance, agility manipulative skills and co-ordination through games, gymnastics and dance.</p> <p>Music:</p> <p>The children will be exploring inter-related dimensions of music through listening to, singing and engaging in a variety of musical games.</p> |
| <p>Creative Curriculum: <i>including the Key Skills in Geography, History, Art and D.T.</i></p> <p>Our topic this half term will be covering the history of Amazing Inventors and significant people, including Alexander Graham Bell and the Wright Brothers who have contributed to national and international achievements. They will also design and make their own invention in DT.</p> <p>After half term Our topic will be based around ‘Once upon a time...’ stories. The children will be exploring landscapes through studying the work of a range of artists such as LS Lowry. They will develop a wide range of art techniques using colour, shape, line space and texture.</p> <p>Through traditional stories such as Little Red Riding Hood the children will be learning basic geographical vocabulary to describe physical features e.g. hill.</p> | |

Miscellaneous:

Please could you ensure your child brings their reading bag to school each day. Please encourage your child to read daily at home and if possible to visit the local library. Every child should be encouraged to read regularly, daily, if they require it. Please remember to sign the Home and School Diary when you have heard your child read at home. Children will also have a weekly maths task for homework.

Please make sure your child has the correct P.E. kit in school on the appropriate days, clearly marked with their name. May we also take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that for health and safety reasons no jewellery can be worn during P.E. lessons and those children who use Inhalers must have them in school.

If you have any questions or concerns please make an appointment to meet with your child’s class teacher or Year Leader, or alternatively make an appointment through the main school office.

Thank you for your support and involvement in your child’s learning.

Yours sincerely,

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