

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Curriculum Information Letter

ENGLISH

In phonics, children will continue learning phase 5 on Essential Letters and Sounds. Children will be trying to apply phonemes and graphemes learned in their writing. In English, children's writing will first be inspired by the book *Coming home*, we will be predicting, describing the character, story mapping and then creating a non-fiction report about a robin using facts from the *First book of Birds*. Next, we will read *Meerkat Mail* and use his travels around the world to support our letter and postcard writing. In the second half term, *Iggy Peck Architect* and *The Naughty Bus* will be used to create different genres of writing. The *Naughty Bus* might get up to mischief in our classroom. Children will aim to write sentences, achieving fluency and improved spelling and use conjunctions and adjectives. Guided reading will be small groups, whole class, reading pairs and reading with Y5 reading buddies.

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we have learned about oceans and the continents of the world. This term, we will identify the UK on a map and on Google maps. We will learn about capital cities as well as human and physical features and characteristics of the countries in the UK. Children will then explore Otley and where they live. We will complete field work looking at the features of Otley so they can describe our town. In History, we will learn about significant people including *Mary Anning*, *Martin Luther King*, *Florence Nightingale*, *Mother Theresa*, *Stephen Hawkins* and *Samuel Pepys*.

FRENCH

Children will revise greetings and add questions. They will then learn the colours in French.



Spring Term ~ 2023

Year 1



RE

Families and celebrations

Children will have the opportunity to think about belonging to a family and explain why families are important. We will explore how Jesus had a family and learn how Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple. Children will learn what it means to belong to a church family with God and think about their own baptism and the symbols of baptism.

Following Jesus

Children will think about friendship and respond to questions about Jesus' friends. We will recognise and discuss some signs of prayer. After learning Bible stories, children will retell the story of the Good Samaritan, Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Children will say what these stories tell them about Jesus and think about our neighbours. Year 1 will also be learning about Judaism.

PSHCE

We will be thinking out belonging in our community, caring for other's needs and looking after our environment. Next, we will think about keeping safe in the online community. Finally, we will think about our strengths and interest and jobs, linked to number day.

PE

There will be lots of ball skills developed this half term with dodgeball on Thursday and fun and games on Monday.

ART & DT

In Art, after learning about primary and secondary colours and light and dark shades, children will make colour creations based on the work of Kandinsky. In DT, we will be making moving minibeasts; making a slider, pivot and lever mechanism to create a moving picture

MUSIC

In Music, the children will continue their lessons with Mrs James, learnings about rhythm and beats in silly songs.

MATHS

Number

We will revise rhymes to make sure we are forming numbers correctly. This term, we will be recognising, sorting and representing numbers to 50 and using add and subtract. Children will use concrete, pictorial and abstract methods. They will complete fluency, reasoning and problem-solving activities. We will also be counting in twos, tens and fives.

Measurement

We will then learn about weight, mass, capacity and volume using practical apparatus to reason and answer problems. Children can access the Maths provision area in the classroom and outdoor space to support their learning. We encourage counting at every opportunity.

SCIENCE

In Spring term 1, we will finish our unit on materials exploring material properties. We will classify animals and research birds in the UK, with a focus on the RSPB Great Bird Watch.

In Spring term 2, we will begin learning about plants. Children will identify a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees in the local area. Children will identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants. They will plant sunflowers and fruits.

ICT

Children will continue to develop keyboard and digital skills using the laptops. Ipads will be used with assistive technology.

The Statements and Virtues for Collective Worship this term are:

02.01.23	I know I belong in a community that includes my school.	FRIENDSHIP
9.01.23	I know we are happiest when we are united.	
16.01.23	I listen to what you say. I show you I am listening.	
23.01.23	I co-operate with others in work and play.	LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR
30.01.23	I try to use words that make the world a better place.	
6.02.23	I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world around me.	
20.02.23	I know that it is ok for me to make mistakes.	COMPASSION
27.2.23	I can learn from my mistakes and failures.	
6.3.23	I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope.	
13.3.23	I know what humility means.	SELF-CONTROL
20.3.23	I know when to ask help and who to ask for help from.	
27.3.23	Holy Week Collective Worships	

Suggestions for helping your child	Homework	Key Dates
<p>RE - If your child has been baptised, please talk to them about their baptism.</p> <p>English -Please hear your child read every day. Encourage them to use pure sounds (Video on curriculum evening slides) and ask questions about what they have read to support comprehension. We are encouraging children to read three times: to decode, to read fluently and to read with expression. Phonics mats will be sent home to support reading.</p> <p>Practise letter formation using the ELS rhymes and adding - up we go or over we go for precursive writing.</p> <p>Maths - Practise number bonds to 5,6,7,8, 9 and 10 - making these numbers in different ways and count in twos, fives and tens.</p>	<p>Children are expected to read at least three books a week, two books sent home and one Essential Letters and Sound phonics book online. Passwords are in your child's reading record. It is really important to read this book as it is linked to our phonics learning each week. Reading books can be changed as soon as your child has read them so children can read more.</p> <p>Starting in the Spring term, children will be sent home a maths or comprehension reading task in our new homework books. This homework will be sent home on Fridays and needs to be returned by the following Wednesday. The page to complete is detailed in the front of the book.</p>	<p>PE - Monday and Thursday</p> <p>12.1.23 Year 1 Trust Collective Worship</p> <p>17.1.23 Class Photos</p> <p>27.2.23 KS1 Bun Sale</p> <p>2.2.23 Athlete Visit</p> <p>3.2.23 NSPCC Number Day and Year 1 Assembly</p> <p>21.2.23 Pancake & Games Afternoon</p> <p>22.2.23 Ash Wednesday Mass</p> <p>2.3.23 World Book Day</p> <p>3.3.23 Faith Lunch</p> <p>13.3.23 Assessment Week</p> <p>17.3.23 St Patricks Day Year 1 Saints Day</p> <p>20.3.23 St Joseph's Day</p> <p>20.3.23 Walk & Wheel to School Week</p> <p>27.3.23 Parents Evening</p> <p>29.3.23 Parents Evening</p> <p>31.3.23 End of Term Mass & Easter Egg Raffle</p>