

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Curriculum Information Letter

## ENGLISH

We will be reading and sequencing stories, including *A Squash and A Squeeze*, *Winters Child* and *Beegu*. Children will use their knowledge and imagination to write diary entries and descriptions of settings. These pieces of writing will support the children's learning of Year 2 grammar.

- Grammar lessons will include writing different types of sentences, nouns, noun phrases, adjectives, verbs and adverbs and conjunctions.
- Phonics and spelling lessons will take place daily. We will be recapping/consolidating our knowledge of the phase 5.
- In guided reading, children will be doing whole class reading sessions which focus on developing our skills in particular retrieval, inference and prediction.
- This term, there will be a big focus on handwriting.

## HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

We will be investigating Arctic and Antarctic in Geography this term. We will be finding out about what is like to live in such cold environments and comparing life in the UK.

In History, we will be finding out about the incredible life of *Mary Seacole*. We will learn about her many travels and the important work as a nurse during the *Crimean War*. We will compare her work to that of *Florence Nightingale* and why they are both remembered today.



**Autumn Term ~ 2023**



## Year 2

### RE

#### The Chosen People

- We will be thinking about how we are chosen by God and given special gifts and how we can thank God for the gifts that we have.
- Understanding how we feel when we put our trust in God.
- Reflecting on God's chosen people and learning and responding to the stories of Abraham, Moses and Daniel.
- Thinking about similarities between God's chosen people and the way we live our lives.

#### Mysteries

- The children will learn about and reflect on mysteries.
- They will be encouraged to say and reflect on what they wonder about.
- The children will learn that there are three persons in God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### PSHCE

Our unit this term, is Relationships.. This will include how to be a good friend, how to be a leader and how to have a growth mindset.

### PE

PE will take place on Thursday and Friday. Children will be taking part in athletics and football activities. We will be working both indoors and outdoors.

### ART & DT

In Art, we will be exploring how we can use nature as our inspiration. We will do this through printing, weaving and clay work. In DT, we will be investigating different types of puppets.

### MUSIC

Children will be learning about the beat, rhythm and patterns in music through the use of play percussion instruments.

## MATHS

**Number and calculation:** Children will be:

- Understanding place value.
- Identifying, representing and estimating and comparing numbers to 100.
- Extending number sequences and counting to 100 in tens, fives and twos.

**Addition and Subtraction:** Children will be:

- Securing number bonds to 20 and then bonds to 100.
- Add and subtract 1's and 10's.
- Add and subtract a 2 and 1- digit number.

**Shape:** Children will be:

- Recognising 2D and 3D shapes
- Comparing shape by looking at their features using vocabulary such as faces, edges and vertices.

## SCIENCE

In our unit, living things and their habitats, children will explore the differences between living and non-living things and the characteristics of living things. They will understand how living things are suited to their habitats and begin to think about dependency and food chains. We will also be making mini beast and small creature habitats making sure they provide for the needs of living things.

## ICT

We will be learning how information technology (IT) is being used for good in our lives and how IT benefits society in places such as shops, libraries, and hospitals. We will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos.

**The Statements and Virtues for Collective Worship this term are:**

04.09.23	We are all special.	Respect & Courtesy
11.09.23	I can say one good thing about myself.	
18.09.23	I can say how I feel.	
25.09.23	I can laugh and have fun.	
02.10.23	I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt.	Thankfulness
9.10.23	I understand that rights match responsibility.	
16.10.23	I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.	
23.11.23	I try to be just and fair.	
6.11.23	I can tell you how I look after myself.	Hope
13.11.23	I can think before I make choices that affect my health.	
20.11.23	I can work, play, rest and pray each day.	
27.11.23	Simple things can make us happy.	
4.12.23	I try to love others as I love myself.	Patience
11.12.23	I try to follow our school and classroom rules.	
18.12.23	No statement for this week	

<b>Suggestions for helping your child</b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>Key Dates</b>
<p><b>RE</b> – Discuss your child's gifts with them and read different Bible stories together.</p> <p><b>English</b> – English - Listen to your child read regularly, encouraging them to use phonic and reading strategies to decode new words. Ask them questions about what they have read to ensure they understand the meaning of the text. Please ensure your child has completed the online activities to develop their reading skills and comprehension. Support your child to practise their weekly spellings. Children will receive new spellings on Friday and have their spelling test the following Friday.</p> <p><b>Maths</b> – Practise 2, 5, 10 times tables.</p> <p>Consolidate your child's knowledge of all number bonds to 10 and then 20.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading books will be changed on a maximum of 3 times a week. When your child has finished a book, please sign their record so that we know to change it.</li> <li>• Homework will be given out on a Friday and it is to be returned by the following Wednesday. Homework will alternate each week between Maths and Reading Comprehension.</li> </ul>	<p>PE days - Thursdays &amp; Fridays</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> September - Year 2 Curriculum Evening</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> September - Individual photos</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan Coffee Morning</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Celebration</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> October - Black History Assembly</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> October Show Racism the Red Card</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup> October Parents' Evening</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> October - Key Stage 1 Mass led by Year 2</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> October - Training Day</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying Week</p> <p>TBC - Visit from Hannah Walker - Antarctic Explorer.</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> November - Assessment Week</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> December - Advent Assembly led by Year 2</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> December - Victorian Fayre</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Dinner &amp; wear Christmas jumpers</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Party Day</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> December - End of term Mass at 1:30pm</p>