

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Curriculum Information Letter

## ENGLISH

### Class Text: Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman

- Children will make inferences about the text.
- They will consider the emotions of characters including Cinnamon and her parents.
- They will write their own mythical tale in the style of Cinnamon, complete with dialogue.
- Genres of writing will include diaries, adverts and limericks.

### Class Text: The Matchbox Diary by Paul

#### Fleischman

- Children will explore the themes of migration and mementoes.
- They will write a non-chronological report about the great-grandfather's journey.
- Genres of writing will include dialogue, autobiographies, and a ship's log.

### Guided Reading Text: Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by TS Eliot

## GEOGRAPHY

### Rivers

- Learning will include: features of a river; uses of rivers; the impact of humans on rivers; and facts about the longest rivers in the world.

### Rainforests

- Learning will include: locating the world's rainforests; features and layers of the rainforest; the impact of deforestation; the importance of the Amazon.

## FRENCH

### Weather

- Weather phases; temperature; a weather forecast

### Food

- Ordering food; French food; managing money



**Spring Term ~ 2022**

**Year 4**



## RE

### Celebrating the Mass - children will learn:

- why Sunday is a special day for Christians
- what happened at the Last Supper
- the importance of the different parts, signs and symbols of the Mass
- to understand the significance of the Eucharist

### Jesus the Saviour - children will learn:

- to reflect on the nature of Jesus as human and divine.
- why Holy Week is important.
- to retell the events of Holy Thursday
- the reason for Jesus to die on the cross.
- to reflect on the importance of the resurrection of Jesus

## PSHCE

### Belonging to a community

- Learning will include: what makes a community; shared responsibility.

### Media literacy and digital resilience

- Learning will include: How data is shared and used; information bias.

## PE

Gymnastics & Hockey with Inspiration Tree on Tuesdays

Swimming will continue on Fridays

## ART & DT

Formal Skills in Art

Mechanical Systems and Electrical Systems

## MUSIC

Whole Class Ensemble - Recorder

- Focusing on the notes G and E, quavers, 3/4 time signature

## MATHS

### Multiplication and Division

- recall multiplication tables up to  $12 \times 12$
- find the product of 3 numbers
- multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number
- solve multi-step problems

### Area

- differentiate between perimeter and area
- find the area of rectilinear shapes

### Fractions

- recognise common equivalent fractions
- count in hundredths
- add and subtract fractions with the same denominator

### Decimals

- write decimal equivalents to common fractions
- round a decimal to the nearest whole number

## SCIENCE

### Animals Including Humans: Teeth and Digestion.

- Learning will include: salivary glands and taste buds; classifying teeth; the food pyramid; vitamins and minerals; the digestive system.

### Electricity

- Learning will include: the transport of electricity; series circuits and parallel circuits; electrical conductors and insulators; parts of a circuit; working safely with electricity.

## ICT

### Repetition in Shapes

- Image manipulation and editing

### Data Logging

- Collecting data; tabling results

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

03.01.22	I know I belong in a community that includes my school.	FAITH
10.01.22	I know we are happiest when we are united.	
17.01.22	I listen to what you say. I show you I am listening.	
24.01.22	I co-operate with others in work and play.	SIMPLICITY
31.01.22	I try to use words that make the world a better place.	
7.02.22	I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world around me.	
14.02.22	I know that it is ok for me to make mistakes.	CHARITY
28.2.22	I can learn from my mistakes and failures.	
7.3.22	I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope.	
14.3.22	I know what humility means.	FORGIVENESS
21.3.22	I know when to ask help and who to ask for help from.	
28.3.22	I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings.	

Suggestions for helping your child	Homework	Key Dates
<p><b>RE</b> - Share the Sunday Gospel or chosen Bible verses with your child. Encourage children to say their prayers at the beginning and end of the day. Discuss role models and biblical figures that embody our school virtues and statements to live by.</p> <p><b>English</b> - Try to hear your child read once a day and discuss what they have read. Encourage them to use a dictionary or thesaurus to look up unfamiliar words and try to use them in conversation. Look at the language used in different stories and discuss why the author has chosen this. Encourage writing for real purposes e.g. shopping lists, family recipes, postcards, holiday diaries.</p> <p><b>Maths</b> - Practise times tables especially 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s. Encourage your child to look at the time at home and be aware of time in their everyday e.g. meal-times, bedtimes, routines, TV programme start and finish times. Do quick arithmetic with numbers you see e.g. on licence plates or measuring out food.</p>	<p><b>Reading books</b> - Reading books will be changed as necessary. Please make sure their books and reading records come to school every day to read in class, and for teachers to record reading in themselves.</p> <p><b>English</b> - one piece of English homework will be set each week, focusing on grammar and punctuation or reading comprehension.</p> <p><b>Maths</b> - one piece of work will be set each week focusing on the current Maths topic in class, or on consolidating previous learning.</p> <p>Children should also practise their set tables on TT Rockstars at least weekly.</p> <p>Homework will be given on <b>Friday</b> and due on <b>Wednesday</b>.</p>	<p>PE Swimming on a <b>Friday</b>, PE on a <b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>7.1.22 Pantomime trip</p> <p>1.2.22 Y4 SAINT DAY ST BRIGID</p> <p>4.2.22 NSPCC DAY</p> <p>4.3.22 KS2 BUN SALE</p> <p>TOAST TUESDAYS STARTING ON 8.3.22</p> <p>11.3.22 FAITH LUNCH</p> <p>17.3.22 STATIONS OF THE CROSS</p> <p>18.3.22 KS1 BUN SALE &amp; ST JOSEPH'S DAY</p> <p>24.3.22 Y4,5 &amp; 6 RECONCILIATION</p> <p>25.3.22 GAMES AFTERNOON</p> <p>1.4.22 EASTER EGG RAFFLE</p>