

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Curriculum Information Letter

ENGLISH

Class Text: Until I Met Dudley

- In this unit, the children will look at features of an explanation text. They will write a short explanatory paragraph as well as explanation texts that focus on the difference between formal and informal tone.

Class Text: The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman

- Whilst reading this book, the children will explore the themes of migration and mementoes. They will have the opportunity to write: short descriptions of different scenes, dialogue and a recount of a journey.

Whilst reading both of these books, the children will also look at the use of conjunctions, fronted adverbials, pronouns and possessive apostrophes.

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

Settlements

- Learning will include: names of settlements, reasons why areas were chosen for settlements, how settlements were formed and map skills.

The Maya

- Learning will include: investigating how and when Europeans encountered the Mayan civilisation, exploring Mayan way of life, finding out about Mayan religious rites and rituals and using a variety of historical sources.

FRENCH

- French numbers, calendars and birthdays
- Weather phases; temperature; a weather forecast



Spring Term ~ 2023 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.
- To ask and respond to questions about the Sabbath.

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

- What makes a community; shared responsibility
- How data is shared and used
- Linked to NSPCC Number Day, making decisions about money; using and keeping money safe

PE

Spring 1 – Gymnastics & Skipping
Spring 2 - Hockey

ART & DT

ART - Sonia Delaunay
DT - Seasonal Food

MUSIC

Whole Class Ensemble – Recorder

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

MATHS

Multiplication and Division

- Find factor pairs.
- Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.
- Multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number.
- Divide two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number.

Length and Perimeter

- Measure in kilometres and metres.
- Perimeter of different shapes.

Fractions

- Compare and order mixed numbers.
- Convert mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa.
- Recognise common equivalent fractions.
- Add and subtract fractions.

Decimals

- Write decimal equivalents to common fractions.
- Tenths and Hundredths.

SCIENCE

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.

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.

ICT

Repetition in Shapes

- Image manipulation and editing

Data Logging

- Collecting data; tabling results

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 – Discuss with your child what happens at Mass and how it links to the Last Supper. Look at the Easter story and some of the symbols used to celebrate Easter.</p> <p>English – When reading with your child, ask them questions about the text and look at the different features of the text type. Encourage your child to find different examples of grammatical terms eg nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives and fronted adverbials. Look at how different explanation texts are presented. Talk about different journeys that you have been on.</p> <p>Maths – Encourage your child to practise their times tables orally. Practise written methods for multiplication and division. Try to spot fractions in your everyday lives. Look at decimals linked to money.</p>	<p>Reading books - 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>English - one piece of English homework will be set each week, focusing on grammar and punctuation or reading comprehension.</p> <p>Maths - 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 Friday and due on Wednesday.</p>	<p>PE - Tuesdays and Fridays</p> <p>13.1.23 KS2 Bun Sale</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</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 & Y4 Class assembly</p> <p>8.3.23 Skipping Festival</p> <p>13.3.23 Assessment Week</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>