



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Curriculum Information Newsletter

Through planned activities and by following the children's interests we will focus on the following areas found below.

Literacy

Once the children are settled, we will begin daily phonics sessions following the 'Essential Letters and Sounds' phonics scheme. We also teach literacy sessions where our focus is usually based around a book linked to our topic/ the children's interests. This term we will be learning to:

- Introduce phonemes (letter sounds).
- Begin blending (putting the sounds together to read a word).
- Introduce segmenting (Breaking the words up into the sounds).
- Introduce harder to read words.
- Engage in story time.

Religious Education

Our topic is 'God's World'. We will...

- Have the opportunity to learn that God loves and cares for each one of us and to reflect on this.
- Have the opportunity to hear about and respond to the things God created for us.
- Have the opportunity to know that God has asked us to care for the world. Think of ways in which we can help to do it.
- Have the opportunity to know that God made each one of us different and special.

Mathematics

In maths we will be:

- Engaging in counting rhymes and songs.
- Matching equal and unequal sets.
- Sorting.
- Comparing amounts.
- Comparing size, mass and capacity.
- Making simple patterns.
- Introduction to numbers 1,2 and 3.

In order to ensure the children's understanding of each number is embedded, we focus on each number in depth. We will update you in the newsletter as to which number we are focusing on and how you can support at home.

Expressive Arts & Design

As part of expressive arts and design we will:

- Have weekly music lessons every Tuesday with Mrs James. In these sessions, we sing songs and explore musical instruments.
- Create self-portraits.
- Engage in colour mixing.
- Draw pictures of their family.
- Enjoy acting out roles and engaging in role play.
- Engage in Autumn art and craft activities.

Reception

Topic: All About Me

Term: Autumn 1



Understanding the world

This term we will:

- Discuss our own lives and the lives of our family, making reference to key events in the past.
- Talk about what we like and do not like.
- Explore our senses.
- Explore the season of Autumn.

Physical Development

Once the children are settled, they will have a PE session every Monday. In our sessions, we will be focusing on how to stay safe in PE, alongside exploring different ways of moving and travelling. The children are asked to come to school in their PE kit on a Monday. Please ensure all kit is labelled.

Personal, social & emotional development

We will be focusing on the following this half term:

- Developing relationships.
- School rules.
- Introducing routines.
- Introducing team points and rewards.
- Introducing The Zones of Regulation, helping us to understand our feelings.

Communication & language

This term we will be focusing on developing listening skills through story time, teaching time, games and in conversation with peers. We will introduce new vocabulary to the children and encourage them to use this in their conversation with peers.



We have a whole school 'Statements To Live By' each week. These are discussed in class, assemblies and circle time.

The Statements for this term are:

05.09.22	We are all special.	Love of Learning
12.09.22	I can say one good thing about myself.	
19.09.22	I can say how I feel.	
26.09.22	I can laugh and have fun.	
03.10.22	I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt.	Citizenship
10.10.22	I understand that rights match responsibility.	
17.10.22	I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.	
31.11.22	I try to be just and fair.	Generosity
7.11.22	I can tell you how I look after myself.	
14.11.22	I can think before I make choices that affect my health.	
21.11.22	I can work, play, rest and pray each day.	Prayer
28.11.22	Simple things can make us happy.	
5.12.22	I try to love others as I love myself.	
12.12.22	I try to follow our school and classroom rules.	

Suggestions for helping your child	Homework	Key Dates
<p>RE - This term, please support your child to learn our school prayers. A copy of the prayers will be sent out in book bags this week.</p> <p>Literacy- In the coming weeks, your child will bring home a reading book. Please listen to your child read on a regular basis.</p> <p>Maths - Please support your child to practise counting groups of objects one at a time. Encourage your child to recognise numbers. Sing counting songs and rhymes.</p>	<p>The children will receive two reading books each week, along with a third online book (Further details to follow). Please ensure you sign your child's reading record so we know the books are ready to be changed.</p>	<p>PE - Every Monday (Children to come to school in PE kit every Monday)</p> <p>29th September - Individual photos</p> <p>30th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning</p> <p>7th October - Harvest Celebration</p> <p>14th October - Black History Assembly & Show Racism the Red Card</p> <p>17th & 20th October - Parents' Evening</p> <p>21st October - Training Day</p> <p>1st November - All Saints Mass</p> <p>14th - 18th November - Anti-Bullying Week & Science Festivals</p> <p>25th November - Advent Assembly</p> <p>28th November - Assessment Week</p> <p>4th December - Victorian Fayre</p> <p>8th December - School Christmas Dinner & wear Christmas jumpers</p> <p>15th December - Christmas Party Day</p> <p>16th December - End of term Carol Service</p>

