



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Curriculum Information Newsletter



## 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 based around a book of the week which is 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

This half term the children will be learning the school prayers, how to make the sign of the cross and taking part in collective worship.

In RE, the children will be learning about the topic 'God's World'. We will be learning about the world God created for us and how we need to look after it. We will also be learning about how each one of us is very 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 Wednesday. 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



## 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
- Exploring how they have changed discussing the things they can do now, that they could not do as a baby
- Talk about what we like and do not like
- 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 have a weekly circle time where we be focusing on developing our understanding of our feelings and emotions. We learn strategies to help us to stay calm and work cooperatively with others.

## 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:

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.	
9.10.23	I understand that rights match responsibility.	Thankfulness
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.	
13.11.23	I can think before I make choices that affect my health.	Hope
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	

Key Information	Homework	Key Dates
<p>Milk- The children receive free milk every day up until the week of their 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday. If you would like them to continue having milk after this date, please contact the school office.</p> <p>Tapestry- You should now have received an email activating your child's Tapestry account. Please let us know if you have any issues accessing this.</p>	<p>Once we begin Phonics, the children will receive a reading book. Please ensure you sign your child's reading record so we know the books are ready to be changed. Further details to follow.</p>	<p>PE - Every Monday morning. This will commence Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please send your child in PE kit.</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> September- Reception Curriculum Evening @ 5.30pm</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>20<sup>th</sup> October - Reception Welcome Service at 9am</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> October - Key Stage One Mass</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening</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>20<sup>th</sup> November - Assessment Week</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> December - Advent Assembly</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>

