



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Curriculum Information Newsletter



Literacy

The children will continue to have daily phonics sessions where they will be developing their skill of blending the sounds for reading and segmenting the sounds for spelling. Some children will be learning new tricky words and digraphs. We will also focus on constructing sentences.

During our topic this half term, we shall be looking at a selection of fiction and non-fiction books based around our topic of 'Space'. We will write facts, lists, postcards and character descriptions. We will also be practising our letter formation.

RE

Our topic this half term is 'Getting to know Jesus'. We will learn that Jesus loves everyone of us and think about ways we can show our love for Jesus. We will then hear how Jesus cured people who were ill & think of ways in which we can show our love for people who are ill. We will also learn about how Jesus showed that he was the Son of God at the Wedding at Cana and think about what this means for us.

Later on in the term, we will begin to learn about the importance of Easter and why we celebrate.

Maths

Number

We will continue to focus on numbers in depth, learning about addition and subtraction with numbers to 5 and then 10.

Place Value- Numbers to 10

Measurement

Comparing Mass

Comparing Capacity

Length & Height

Time

Geometry

3D Shape and Space.

Expressive Arts and Design

To launch our topic on space we will make models of the different planets in the solar system. We will design our own planets and make our own model rockets. The children will be able to develop their own space themed narratives in the spaceship role play area.

We will continue our weekly music lessons with Mrs James. During these sessions, we will be focusing on pitch matching.

Reception

Topic: Space

Term: Spring



Understanding the World

This term, we will be learning all about the Solar System. We will learn about each planet and how they vary from one another. We will talk about astronauts and how they survive in space. We will also learn about gravity.

We will learn about the key features of winter and how it differs to other seasons. Later in the term, we will also begin to explore the key features of spring.

PE

In PE, we will be learning about Dance. We will be learning how to move to the beat of the music. We will also be exploring different movement patterns. We will practise mirroring other people's patterns and explore using motions and expression.

PSED

As part of our PSED, each week we will focus on the collective worship statements to live by which can be found overleaf. Through circle times, we will establish how we can follow these statements and reflect on their true meaning.

We will also continue to develop our skills of turn taking and sharing.

Communication and Language

We will be exploring the meaning of new language such as solar system, planets, comets, asteroids and meteoroids. We will also be sharing a variety of books based around 'Space'. The children will be encouraged to respond to what they hear with relevant comments and answer questions such as 'why' and 'how'.



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:

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 in Reception

Reading books are changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please try to listen to your child read as much as possible as it really does make a difference!

Phonics Play is an excellent website to support your child to learn phonics.

Key Dates

7.1.22 Pantomime Trip

28.1.22 YR Assembly (Via Zoom)

4.2.22 NSPCC Number Day

1.3.22 Reception's Class Saint Day- St David

8.3.22 Toast Tuesday (Every Tuesday during lent)

18.3.22 St Joseph's Day and KS1 Bun Sale

25.3.22 Games Afternoon

1.4.22 Easter Egg Raffle