



# 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. The 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 Winter and the Polar Regions. We will be learning how to construct a sentence using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. We will also be practising our letter formation.

## Expressive Arts and Design

As part of Expressive Arts, we will be making Arctic animals such as a penguins and polar bears.

This half term we will be studying the artist, Jackson Pollock. We will be creating our own masterpieces using a similar style.

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

## Physical

PE takes place every Monday. Please ensure your child comes to school in a named PE kit on this day. This half term we will be learning about Throwing and Catching.

We will also continue to develop our gross motor skills through lots of opportunities to play outside.

## RE

Our topic this half term is 'Getting to know Jesus'. We will learn that Jesus loves every one 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 why we celebrate Easter.

## 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.

## Reception

### Topic: Winter Wonderland

### Term: Spring 1



## 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 be learning about how to be a good friend.

## Communication and Language

We will be exploring the meaning of new language and vocabulary relating to the Polar Regions. The children will be encouraged to respond to what they hear with relevant comments and answer questions such as to '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:

02.01.23	I know I belong in a community that includes my school.	Friendship
09.01.23	I know we are happiest when we are united.	
16.01.23	I listen to what you say. I show you I am listening.	Love of Neighbour
23.01.23	I co-operate with others in work and play.	
30.01.23	I try to use words that make the world a better place.	
06.02.23	I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world around me.	Compassion
20.02.23	I know that it is ok for me to make mistakes.	
27.2.23	I can learn from my mistakes and failures.	
06.3.23	I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope.	Self- Control
13.3.23	I know what humility means.	
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 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.

##### Key Dates

PE - Every Monday

13.1.23 KS2 Bun Sale

17.1.23 Class Photos

27.2.23 KS1 Bun Sale

2.2.23 Athlete Visit

3.2.23 NSPCC Number Day

21.2.23 Pancake & games afternoon

22.2.23 Ash Wednesday Mass

2.3.23 World Book Day

3.3.23 Faith Lunch

13.3.23 Assessment Week

20.3.23 St Joseph's Day

20.3.23 Walk & Wheel to School Week

27.3.23 Parents Evening

29.3.23 Parents Evening

31.3.23 End of Term Mass & Easter Egg Raffle