

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Curriculum Information Letter

## LITERACY

The focus in our English lessons will continue to be topic based. Our topic this term is 'New Life' and we will be learning about plants and animals. Some of the books we will be reading to support our topic are:

Jack and the Beanstalk

Monkey Puzzle

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

A Seed in Need

The Tiny Seed

The children will be encouraged to use their phonics to support themselves to write simple sentences that can be read by themselves and others.



## Summer Term ~ 2023



## Reception

### RE

This half term, the children will be learning about New Life. They will learn about the story of the empty tomb and learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples. The children will begin to understand the special gift of joy and peace that Jesus gave to his friends (John 20: 19-21) and can give to us as well. They will hear the story of Jesus going back to his Father.

After half term, the children will learn about the Church. They will visit Our Lady & All Saints Church to find out about the different religious items found in a Church and what they are used for. They will also learn about all the people who help in our Parish.

## MATHS

During the summer term, we will be learning about numbers to 20 and beyond. We will continue to work on addition and subtraction skills whilst also learning about doubling, sharing, and grouping. We will also revisit pattern and spatial awareness. We will continue to update you both in the newsletter and on Tapestry about what we are learning and how you can support your child at home.

## PHONICS

The children will continue recapping all previously taught phase 3 sounds and 'Harder to read and spell words.' The children will have daily opportunities to practise applying the learnt sounds when writing. They will also have regular opportunities to practise blending and segmenting.

## EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

As part of Expressive Arts and Design we will:

- Continue to have weekly Music lessons with Mrs James. In these sessions, we sing songs and explore musical instruments.
- This term, we will focus on the famous artist- Vincent Van Gogh. We will focus on his 'Sunflowers' painting and create our own interpretation.
- Enjoy acting out roles and engaging in role play.
- Engage in Spring Art and craft activities.

## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

As part of our topic based on 'New Life', the children will be observing and learning about the life cycle of animals and plants. We are very lucky to have caterpillars in the classroom and are looking forward to watching them turn into butterflies. We have also just put our eggs into the incubator and the children are very excited for the chicks to hatch in 21 days!

## PE

This term, our unit of learning is 'Working Together'. During this unit we will be focusing on developing our teamwork skills, learning how to co-operate effectively with each other, whilst taking turns and sharing.

## COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

The children will be encouraged to engage in a variety of speaking and listening activities. A key part of this is our 'Tapestry Time.' Please continue to send in any exciting photos of events or learning at home.

## PSED

Children will have regular opportunities to share their ideas, thoughts and opinions with their peers during circle times. They will continue to build relationships with one another.

**The Statements and Virtues for Collective Worship this term are:**

17.4.23	I know how to help others when they are in trouble.	Confidence
24.4.23	I understand what trust means.	
1.5.23	No statement this week.	
8.5.23	I try to forgive people when they hurt me.	Trust
15.5.23	I try to accept forgiveness from others.	
22.5.23	I know how to show I am sorry.	
5.6.23	I understand the importance of peace.	Courage
12.6.23	I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others.	
19.6.23	I stand up for people who are being treated unfairly.	
26.6.23	I notice that we are the same and we are different.	Wisdom
3.7.23	I try to be accepting of others.	
10.7.23	I know that sometimes things change.	
17.7.23	I can look forward to the future.	

<b>Suggestions for helping your child</b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>Key Dates</b>
<p>RE – Talk to your child about the Easter story and why people go to Church. If you take your child to Church, point out the different religious items to them.</p> <p>Literacy– Continue working on phonics sounds and tricky words from your child’s sound book. Encourage your child to read and write whenever possible!</p> <p>Maths – During the summer term, continue to practise and consolidate counting to and from 20. To ensure the children are able to instantly recognise small quantities please continue to develop subitising skills. Provide opportunities to sort, match, compare and order and encourage them to discuss their reasoning.</p>	<p>Books will be changed on Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday.</p> <p>Sound Books are given out every Thursday and collected in the following Tuesday. Please support your child to learn the week’s sounds or complete the Phonics activity.</p>	<p>PE DAY WILL BE ON MONDAY</p> <p>Class Assembly- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April                      Whole School Mass - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May                      Pentecost Day - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May                      Training Day - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May                      Corpus Christi Procession - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June                      Whole School Mass - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June                      Sports Day - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June                      Seaside Trip - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July                      End of term Mass &amp; Picnic - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</p>