



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Year 2 information letter - September 2020

Dear Parents -Welcome to Year 2. It has been wonderful to welcome your children back and we have been very impressed with how they have adjusted to the changes in school.

The aim of this letter is to provide a broad overview of the work we will be covering in our classes this term. We hope this information will enable you to prepare, support and reinforce your child's understanding in your discussions at home.

<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Science and Topic</u>
<p>On going throughout the term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Children will be expected to use cursive handwriting in KS1.To learn and use high frequency words.To learn common blends.To continue to develop basic sentence structure - Capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, and begin to use more adventurous punctuation.The children will have regular phonics and guided reading. <p>Children will be taught phonics daily. This will involve consolidating and learning new phonemes to be used in reading and writing. During this term the children will also be expected to re-read and edit own writing to ensure it makes sense as well as checking their punctuation.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Instruction writing</u>- The children will be reading the story The Lonely Beast and changing the text into instructions using root words, commands and expanded noun phrases.<u>Fantasy stories</u> - The children will develop their knowledge and understanding of fantasy stories by studying the story Traction Man. They will look at inference and empathy for characters. They will retell the story through drama, diary entries and story writing.<u>Fiction stories- traditional tales</u> - The children will explore the story of Rapunzel and other fairy tales. The children will write their own character descriptions and retell the story through a story map. They will complete the topic by writing their own version of a traditional tale.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Estimate and count a number of objects up to 100.Locate numbers between 1 -100 on a number line and square.Order and compare 2 digit numbers and find a number in between. Begin to use < and > signs to compare numbersRevise number bonds to 10 and learn number bonds to 20 and begin to understand related subtraction facts.Know multiples of 2,3, 5 and 10.Double numbers to 15.Find 1 more and 10 more or less using a 100 square.Find 10 more and 10 less than any 2 digit number.Identify and sort 2D shapes based on their properties.Understanding 2 digit numbers are made up on tens and ones.Understand place value using 10p and 1p coins.Find and record all possible amounts using coins.Find 10p more and less than any 2 digit numbers.Add and subtract a multiple of 10 to a 2 digit number.Solve addition and subtraction number sentences.Begin to measure lengths and understand different units measurements.Count in 2s, 5s and 10s from zero.Make total amounts of money in different ways.To know the number names and words to at least 100.Know common number patterns to 100.To begin to choose and use the 4 basic number operations to solve mental and word problems.	<p>Our topics will be:</p> <p><u>Science</u> <u>Material Monsters</u> In this unit, the children will learn about every day materials and their properties.</p> <p><u>Design & Technology</u> <u>Vehicles</u> The children will research different vehicles then design and make their own.</p> <p><u>History</u> <u>Why do we remember the fifth of November?</u> In this unit, the children will explore the history behind, and the significance of, Bonfire Night on 5th November.</p> <p><u>Art</u> <u>Self Portraits</u> The children will explore the portraits and self-portraits of a variety of artists by thinking about what the artist is trying to convey about the subject, as well as the techniques that have been used. They will also create self-portraits using a variety of different techniques and media.</p> <p><u>Computing</u> <u>We are photographers</u> In this unit, the children will review photos online, practise using a digital camera, take photos to fit a given theme, edit their photos, and then select their best images to include in a shared portfolio.</p> <p><u>Music</u> <u>Ourselves; Seasons; Travel</u> In these units we will: read pitch shapes using simple line graphs; playing to steady beats and rhythmic patterns; listen and respond to music and sing in two parts.</p>

PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time will be as follows:

Elm: Thursday 9-10.45 (covered by Mrs Hookham)

Fir: Mrs Keogh will be teaching one day a week.

Homework

From the start of this academic year, and to adhere to current guidelines, homework will be uploaded to Seesaw every Friday. The homework activities will alternate weekly between English and Maths. Once the activity has been completed at home, you will then need to upload a photo of your child's work by the following Thursday, this will enable it to be acknowledged and feedback given.

Spellings will also be uploaded to Seesaw every Friday for testing the following Friday in their spelling books, which will remain in school. The spellings will be based on the Phonic sounds taught during that week. Information on how to use Seesaw at home, along with your child's individual login, will follow shortly.

Reading

Please see attached letter regarding this area of the children's learning.

Reading Assessments will take place once every half term in Year 2. An adult will hear each child read at least once a week, either individually or as part of a group. We encourage the children to change their own books on Fridays and ask that books are returned the following Tuesday.

P.E

P.E lessons take place twice a week, the day may vary depending on the weather, so please ensure you child's kit is in school at all times.

Other things to remember

- Please send only water in a small, named water bottle, with a sport spout.
- All children must have a pair of named indoor shoes and wellies if possible.
- Please label your child's clothes, P.E kits and water bottles to avoid confusion!!
- We do not permit toys from home.

Useful Websites and Resources

Phonics

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Mr Thorne's Phonics - App available

Maths and English

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk>

Due to COVID-19 we can't communicate face to face with you unlike previous years. Please do email the School Office if you need to contact us. Miss Kenny is the KS1 leader and can also be contacted via the School Office if you have any concerns we can't help with.

We are delighted to be teaching your children this year.

Kind regards

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Mrs Browne
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