### St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

# Oak and Pine Class Information Letter – January 2023



Dear Parents – Happy New Year! On behalf of the teachers and assistants, we would like to thank you for all your kind Christmas gifts. The purpose of this letter is to provide a broad overview of the work that your child will be undertaking in each area of the curriculum during this term. It is hoped that this information will enable you to prepare, support and reinforce your discussions with your child about their schoolwork.

#### **English**

#### **Fiction**

- Stories with historical settings
- Adventure stories

#### **Non-Fiction**

- Persuasive writing
- Explanation texts

#### **Spelling**

Weekly spelling rules introduced and activities available on Spelling

#### **French**

Weekly French lessons will follow Language Angels and The Leventhorpe scheme. This term the children will learn about:

- Family members (my/he/she)
- Free time activities
- Opinions using 'it is'
- Rooms in the house
- Household objects (e.g. bedroom items)

#### **Science**

#### Living Things

Classifying living things Identifying habitats for different creatures and how some adapt to their habitat

#### Music

Music lessons follow the Music Express scheme and topics include:

- Building (beat)
- Around the world (pitch)
- Ancient Worlds (structure)
- Singing Spanish (pitch)

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#### **Computing**

In all topics we shall promote E-safety at all times.

#### We are meteorologists

 To understand different techniques for measuring and recording weather

#### <u>Maths</u>

#### Number

- Place value
- Four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) formal written methods.
- Fractions
- Decimals to 2DP
- Ongoing tables and related division facts
- Money

#### **Shape and Measures**

- 2D shapes
- Symmetry
- Angles
- Perimeter

#### **P.E.**

- Gymnastics Rotation
- Dance Rugby and the Haka

#### Geography

### Can you come on a great American road trip?

During this topic, the children will develop their understanding of the countries, states, capitals and cultures of North and South America. They will develop their map reading skills and use an eight-point compass to compare locations.

#### <u>History</u>

## How much did the ancient Egyptians achieve?

This topic covers themes including life and death, family roles, pyramids, pharaohs and religion

#### P.S.H.E.

-PSHE this term is focusing on dreams and goals from our new scheme Jigsaw.

To analyse weather data and create a weather forecast
 Famous Buildings

 To examine buildings in a range of architectural styles
 To explore the architecture of Christopher Wren
 To explore colour, pattern and features in St. Basil's Cathedral, The Taj Mahal and The Sydney Opera House
 To design a building based on the learning in this unit

Please ensure that all school uniform, including PE kit, is clearly labelled with your child's name. As there is no swimming this term, PE kit should stay in school in case of PE days changing. If you wish to speak with us please email via the office. We will be available most days after school for a quick chat but it is advisable to arrange an appointment with us for more complex issues.

Mrs Canny (Oak)

Mrs Browne (Pine)