



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Year 2 information letter - Summer Term - April 2021

Dear Parents - It has been lovely to have all the children back in the school and benefiting from our new school building. Thank you again to those of you who supported your children through the period of home learning last term.

<u>Literacy</u>	<u>Numeracy</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 lessons. <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">Explanation texts - the children will look at the features of explanation texts, read and answer questions on them and create their own introduction for an explanation text.Poetry - the children will be listening to, performing and writing their own poems.Narrative - the children will be listening to stories from other cultures, answering questions on them and planning and writing their own stories.	<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. <p>To begin to choose and use the 4 basic number operations to solve mental and word problems.</p>	<p>Our topics will be:</p> <p>Geography - What are the seven wonders of our world? - the children will name, locate and identify characteristics of the seven continents and oceans, use world maps, atlases and globes and identify the locations of hot and cold areas around the world.</p> <p>History - Who are our local heroes? - the children will be learning about important people in the local community.</p> <p>Art-Super Sculptures - the children will be learning about sculptors and the their work and desiging and making scultpures using different media.</p> <p>Computing- We are game testers - the children will be using the laptops to learn about how games are programmed and will carry out some basic programming.</p> <p>Science - Young Gardeners- the children will be learning about germination and what plants need to grow and survive. They will be conducting a fair test to see how depriving a seed of one of these things affects its growth.</p> <p>Design & Technology - Puppets - the children will be researching, desgining and making their own puppets.</p>
<u>Other curricular areas</u>		
<p>Music</p> <p>This term the children will continue to explore ways in which sounds can be made or changed through a range of different instruments. They will work together to compose different musical patterns and will perform their pieces in small groups.</p>		

Homework

Spellings will be checked and new words given out on Fridays. Don't forget 5 minutes spelling practice every night is much better than half an hour on the night before the test! In addition to Spellings there will be either an English or Maths task. All Spellings and homework will be uploaded to Seesaw. Please upload the English and Maths work to Seesaw, you do not need to send it paper copies.

Reading

Please continue to read daily at home with your child. Books are sent home and should be returned on Tuesday. Please ask your child to retell the story and ask them questions on what they have read. By rereading the same book your child will improve their fluency.

PE P.E lessons take place on Monday and Thursday. Your child should come to school in their P.E kit.

It is usually possible to speak to us with quick questions at the door in the morning or after school, but due to the current Government guidance, please can we ask that parents contact us through Seesaw or email about any issues which may require longer discussion.

Thank you to everyone for adjusting to the staggered start and finish times. Please remember that Year 2 come in between **8:45 and 9:00am** and should be picked up between **3:00 and 3:15pm**. The register is taken promptly at 9:00am so that we can get started with our learning. If you arrive after 9:00am, we apologise, but your child will have to be taken to the office to register and choose their lunch.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Mrs Browne and Mrs McLaughlin.