

Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 2019

Foundation Stage 2

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Important Days PE

The children will have PE with Total Sports on Wednesday and Friday. Children will need their outdoor PE kit (blue St Joseph's t-shirt and shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers). The children can wear a St Joseph's hoodie for outdoor PE.

Golden book Assembly

Thursday Afternoon at 2:30pm.

Parents are welcome to attend and will be informed by text if their child is in the Golden Book.

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This half term, we will be learning about God's World. We will learn that God loves and cares for us all. We will learn about the things God created for us and say thank you to God. We will learn that God has asked us to care for his world and we will think carefully about what we can do to look after it. We will also learn that God has made each of us to be different and special. In addition to this, we will be supporting the children with their new prayers and introducing class Collective Worship.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, we will be helping the children to settle in to their new classroom. We will be focusing on classroom routines and developing the children's confidence in the classroom and around school. We will be supporting the children in developing friendships and positive relationships with us through getting to know one another better. This will have a massive impact on the children's learning and development and enable them to be happy and successful at St Joseph's!

Literacy/ Phonics

This half term, we will be listening to and joining in with lot of stories, rhymes and songs based around the children's chosen topic of Superheroes! The children will have many opportunities to begin to read and write, linked to their topic. In particular, we will be supporting the children in writing their names and developing correct letter formation. To enable this to happen successfully, we will be providing lots of opportunities for children to develop their fine motor skills. Once the children are settled, we will begin our Phonics lessons in which we use a whole school phonics scheme "Sounds Write" that has proved successful in supporting children to read and write with confidence. More information on a Phonics "Show and Share" will be sent out in the coming weeks to help you support your child's learning at home. Writing and mark making is promoted throughout the classroom and outdoor area to enable the children to continually develop their new skills.

Mathematics

This half term, we will be focusing on counting and children's knowledge of numbers to 10 within group and whole class activities. Lots of this work will be done through number rhymes and songs. We will also be focusing upon sorting, grouping and comparing numbers to 10. Mathematical skills will also be supported throughout the indoor and outdoor provision areas. Through play the children will be developing their problem solving abilities, mathematical language and their understanding of size and shape.

Understanding the World

This half term, we look forward to getting to know one another in FS2. To support your child with this, we will be focusing on "All about us" as part of "People and Communities". As part of this learning, we will be focusing on the children's senses, their families, likes, dislikes and how they celebrate special occasions such as birthdays with their family at home. We will also be exploring our outdoor area through Rainbow Challenges and visit different areas around school such as the Prayer Garden and the woodland area. We will also be introducing the children to a range of technology such as iPad's, Bee-Bots and using the interactive board.

Homework

Once the children have settled into FS2, they will be sent home with a homework diary and a homework book. A detailed letter about homework expectations and the school homework policy will be stuck into this book. Your child will also soon be sent home with a reading book for them to practice reading with you at home. This book will be read with your child in school every other week and changed at this time to a new book based on your child's reading ability. **Please can you ensure that your child has their reading bag with their reading book and homework diary in it every day.** Details on Spellodrome and Mathletics homework will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Topic

In Foundation 2, the learning is always based on the children's own interests. When the children came for their transition morning, we had a circle time where the children shared their ideas about what they would like to learn. We also gathered information from our observations and from parents. This process will happen at the end of each half term to ensure that the teaching is continually interesting and motivating the children's learning. This half term the children have chosen Superheroes as their topic. As part of this we will be exploring different kinds of Superheroes, and becoming Superheroes!

Ways to Help

We place a huge emphasis on working in partnership with parents to support our children. Therefore, please come in and see us to share information about your child- their well-being, development and any questions or concerns you may have. This helps us in supporting your child effectively and enabling them to be successful and happy in school. As the children will be getting changed for PE twice a week, it would also be helpful if parents could support the children's independence at home and encourage them to develop these skills independently.

This year we are going to be using Tapestry; an online learning profile, to gather evidence of your child's learning from across the year. In the coming weeks we will be sending out information on how you can access this from home and add your own observations of your child's learning, that will enable us to ensure that we get the whole picture of your child's learning journey.

