

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back and Happy New Year.

I hope you have had a happy, restful and fun-filled Christmas and New Year and that some of you were able to meet up with family and friends after the previous restrictions. I'm looking forward to this term with the children. They really came a long way last term and very quickly adapted to Year One life. I hope you can see how far they have come, many moving up reading levels rapidly and really being successful in their learning.

Reading this term will consist of the children bringing home two books. One book is their phonics book which, with some guidance they should be able to read. The other book is a reading book to share – you may want to take turns reading or talking about the story with your child.

Please try to spend some time with your child each night looking at a book and practising the sounds in it. The books will be changed once a week and they will be shared with an adult in school. Please bring both books back to school each day.

P.E. will be on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Please could you ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit, which is black shorts, a white T – shirt and pumps or trainers. As the cold weather is still with us, a reminder that children are allowed to bring in black tracksuit bottoms to wear during PE lessons.

Homework will be given out on a Friday which will be due back in by the following Thursday. English Homework will be given out in books and Maths Homework will be on a sheet.

Children will also have weekly spellings from their phonics groups – please bring spelling books to school every Monday.

As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Buckley, Miss Sibley and Mrs Wroblewski

What are we learning about?

R.E.: Christmas, Jesus, Teacher and Healer, Forgiveness, Lent, Holy Week and Easter

English: Recognising letter sounds. Blending for reading.

Building sentences, basic punctuation.

Cumulative Stories, Recounts and Instructions and an author study

Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction. Multiplication and Measure

Science: Identifying Animals and Identifying Plants

ICT: Data collection and recording

PE: How to keep our bodies healthy – fitness and observing how our bodies react to exercise. Ball games – throwing and catching skills

Art: Colour Creations and Flying Kites

Geography: Four Seasons

History: Castles

Special days / Dates

PE – Thursday and Friday

Homework – Given on a Friday returned by the following Thursday

New Phonics reading books are sent home each Monday.

Shared reading book will be changed each week.

Please bring both to school every day.

Prayer Partner Gathering 24th January – the children will share a prayer partner gathering led by Year 4 on the values of Curious and Active.

Class Mass – Tuesday 8th February. The children will prepare and deliver a Mass in the school hall.

Brilliant in Britain Week – Multicultural Britain - Be a hero!
WB Monday 14th February

Values for Spring Term:

Curious and Active

We are curious when we explore God's creation and ask questions to find out more. We are active when we work to make things better where we can.