

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to the Spring Term.

A few quick bits of information. . .

This term we continue to take part in PE lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child has their PE kit for both sessions.

Children will receive homework on Fridays, to be returned by Thursday please.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday to learn for a test the following Monday. Please help your child to learn them and continue to read with them daily.

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

Thank you for all your support,

Miss Cresswell and Mrs Wroblewski

What are we learning about?

This Term our topics are:

R.E.: Christmas, Parables and Miracles, Lent and Easter

English: Poetry / Narrative / Playscripts

Numeracy: Place Value / Statistics / Geometry / Fractions / Multiplication and Division

Science: Growing Plants and Living in Habitats

Topic: The Arctic and Florence Nightingale

ICT: iSearch and iAnimate

PE: Ball Skills and Linking Movements

ART/DI: Henri Rousseau and Vehicles

Special days / Dates:

- Music lesson with Miss Green (DPA teacher) every Wednesday morning – we will be continuing to learn to play the recorder!
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 will be leading Mass. All welcome!
- Year 2 class assembly – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Please come and join us.
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Workshop with a focus on writing. Please come and join us.

The class charity we have chosen to support



<p><u>Values for Spring Term:</u> Grateful and Generous— before half term</p> <p>Grateful: Being grateful for the blessings that we have in our lives. Generous: Generous in sharing our gifts and talents with others.</p> <p>Attentive and Discerning— after half term</p> <p>Attentive: Being attentive to God's call and being ready to follow His example. Discerning: Making good choices and always trying to do the right thing.</p>	<p><u>Children as leaders</u></p> <p>In Year 2, the children have the opportunity to be: Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie and part of the School Mission team.</p>
<p><u>Catholic Social Teaching &amp; British Values</u> Throughout the curriculum and beyond children learn about the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching - Working in Solidarity, Care for Creation, Community &amp; Participation, Dignity of Workers, Help for the Poor &amp; Vulnerable, Human Dignity &amp; Solidarity and how they link to British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect &amp; Tolerance.</p>	<p><u>St Joseph's Way – See our website for more details</u></p> <p>At St. Joseph's we develop children's character through the 'St. Joseph's Way' curriculum. In order to build character, we define the behaviours and habits that we expect students to demonstrate. We want to support our pupils to grow into adults who are polite, respectful, grateful and who put others before themselves. We believe that, as pupils practise these behaviours over time, they become habits that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them. As philosopher Will Durant states, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." (1926)</p>