

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back.

We hope you have had happy and restful Christmas holiday. I can't quite believe we have completed the first term in Year 4. What a busy term it was! As usual at the beginning of a new term we have been busy assessing the children. They will be heard read each week in school but not necessarily on the same day, so I ask that the children bring their reading books and diary to school every day.

P.E. will be on Wednesday and Thursday each week. 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 for the first half of this term, 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.

Spellings will be given out each Monday and tested the following Monday. Children will need to bring spelling books to school each Monday. As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hickman and Mrs Parker

What are we learning about?

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R.E.: Jesus -Light of the World,  
Old Testament Moses – King David  
Lent and Easter  
English: Multi genre - Eye of the Wolf  
Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Measure.  
Multiplication and division Fractions and Decimals  
Science: Circuits and Conductors and States of Matter  
ICT: Internet Safety, Algorithms and Programming and An Introduction to Programming.  
PE: Bridges, Basketball  
Art/DI: Vincent Van Gogh and Torches  
Geography: Volcanoes  
History: Early Civilisations

Special days / Dates:

Week Beginning 27<sup>th</sup> January – Brilliant in Britain Week. Module 2 of Ten:Ten  
10<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening  
5<sup>th</sup> February – Trinity Club – online safety  
13<sup>th</sup> February – Poetry Recital  
14<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for Half Term  
After half-term – swimming on Thursdays  
4<sup>th</sup> March – Family Mass  
12<sup>th</sup> March– Parent Workshop – Reading focus  
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The class charity we have chosen to support



Values for Spring Term:

Grateful and Generous– before half term

Grateful: Being grateful for the blessings that we have in our lives.

Generous: Generous in sharing our gifts and talents with others.

Children as leaders

In Year 4 the children have the opportunity to be:

Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie, part of the School Mission team and prayer leaders.

<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>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>
<p><u>Catholic Social Teaching &amp; British values</u></p> <p>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>	