

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have a really exciting year ahead of us with lots to look forward to. Here in Year 1, we endeavour to make it a learning journey that your child will never forget and one which will prepare each of our children for the adventures of Year 2 and beyond.

You can help your child along that path by hearing them read 10 minutes a day, help them learn their spellings and complete weekly homework tasks.

P.E. will be on a Monday and Thursday. 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 will soon be upon 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.

As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see myself or Miss Sibley. We are always happy to help in any way possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sharma and Miss Sibley

What are we learning about?

R.E.: Creation, Families and Celebrations and Prayers

English: Recognising letter sounds. Blending for reading. Building sentences, basic punctuation.

Fairy Stories, traditional tales and rhyme.

Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction.

Science: My Body. Identify and describe common body parts and our senses.

Computing: Computer skills – Basic keyboard skills, algorithms and instructions.

PE: How to keep our bodies healthy – fitness and observing how our bodies react to exercise. Running

Art: Self Portraits. Looking at famous artist's self-portraits and attempting their own self portrait.

Geography: All Around the World – looking at different continents and focussing on a country from each.

History: Toys Past and Present – describing how toys from the past are different from toys we play with now and how they are the same.

Special days / Dates:

Our class Mass: Tuesday 14th October 2025

Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Maths parent workshop: Wednesday 19th November 2025

Thursday 120th November 2025

Mondays: Spelling Tests

Monday: PE

Thursday: PE

Fridays: Homework sent out and to be brought back by the following Thursday

MVVP – Mission, Vocation, Values and Prayer Week in School

WB Monday 22nd September

Black History Week 2023

WB – Monday 20th October

Antibullying, Anti-Racism and Internet safety week

WB – Monday 10th November

The class charity we have chosen to support

RSPCA

<p><u>Values for Autumn Term:</u> Eloquent and Truthful– before half term</p> <p>Eloquent: Speaking clearly to shared the Gospel and support each other. Truthful: Being honest and truthful in all we say and do.</p> <p>Learned and Wise– after half term</p> <p>Learned: Taking time to consider the Gospel and learn from Jesus’ teachings. Wise: Thinking carefully and making good choices.</p>	<p><u>Children as leaders</u></p> <p>In Year one 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 & 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 & Participation, Dignity of Workers, Help for the Poor & Vulnerable, Human Dignity & Solidarity and how they link to British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect & 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>