

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part of St Gabriel the Archangel Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after the summer break and welcome to Year 2! We hope you all enjoyed the holiday and we hope that all is well with you and your family.

A few quick bits of information...

This term we 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.

May we kindly ask that you read regularly with your child, help and encourage them to complete and return their homework and learn their spellings each week.

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 Miss Lane

What are we learning about?

This Term our topics are:

RE: Old Testament Stories and Prayers, Sharing in the Life of Jesus, Advent, Christmas

English: Traditional Tales and Writing for Different Purposes

Maths: Numbers up to and beyond 100, place value, addition and subtraction facts, properties of shape

Science: Living in Habitats, Growing Plants

History/Geography: Where Do I Live? Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot

Art/DT: Henri Rousseau, Vehicles

Computing: iSafe, iSearch

PE: Dodging, Ball Skills

Special days / Dates:

- Music lessons with Miss Green (DPA) every Wednesday.
- Friday 19th September – We will be celebrating our class saints day – St Teresa of Calcutta. Children can wear their own clothes.
- Year 2 will be leading the Mass on Tuesday 7th October / Tuesday 25th November at 9.15am.
- Wednesday 12th / Thursday 13th November – Maths parent workshop. More information to follow.

The class charity we have chosen to support



<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>Two children have been chosen from Year 2 and represent our class in the following groups. . .</p> <p>Mission Team, who are responsible for the Catholic life of our school</p> <p>School Council, who are responsible for helping to make decisions about the running of our school.</p> <p>Mini Vinnies – who are responsible for helping with fundraising.</p> <p>Creation Guardians, who are responsible for looking after God’s world.</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>