



## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

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 Miss Lane

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: Let's go to the Arctic and Florence Nightingale

ICT: iSearch and iAnimate

PE: Ball Skills and Linking Movements

ART/DI: African Art and Perfect Pizzas

Special days / Dates:

- Music lesson with Miss Green (DPA teacher) every Wednesday morning – we will be continuing to learn to play the recorder!
- Year 2 class assembly – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Please come and join us.
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 will be leading Mass. All welcome!
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Workshop with a focus on writing. Please come and join us.

The class charity we have chosen to support

## Values for Autumn Term:

Curious and Active— before half term

Curious: Being curious means wanting to learn more about the world, asking questions, and wondering about God, people, and how things work.

Active: Being active means getting involved, helping others, and using your gifts to make a positive difference at school, at home, and in the world.

Intentional and Prophetic- after half term

Intentional: Being intentional means trying to do the right thing on purpose, making good choices, and thinking about how your actions can show love and kindness.

Prophetic: Being prophetic means standing up for what is right, speaking kindly but bravely, and showing God's love by caring for others, especially those who need help.

## Catholic Social Teaching & British Values

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.

## Children as leaders

Two children have been chosen from Year 2 and represent our class in the following groups...

Mission Team, who are responsible for the Catholic life of our school

School Council, who are responsible for helping to make decisions about the running of our school.

Mini Vinnies – who are responsible for helping with fundraising.

Creation Guardians, who are responsible for looking after God's world.

## St Joseph's Way – See our website for more details

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)