

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM



## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and spend some well-deserved rest over the festive period, thank you for the thoughtful gifts, cards, and Christmas messages they are much appreciated. I trust you are ready for an enjoyable and busy term ahead. Please help us stay consistent with spellings, homework and reading outside of school. Spellings books need to be in school every Monday for the test and children to receive their new spellings. Spellings will have the week beginning at the stop to make it clear what they will need to practise. Homework will be handed every Friday, and we expect homework back by the following Thursday. If you need any support with the homework do let us know and we can help your child. Can we ask that reading book and records are in school every day as readers will be completed throughout the week. Your child should have logins to access TTRocksters, Mathletics and Reading Plus at home, if you need new ones just let us know.

If there are any queries about anything. We are pleased to help in any way possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs R Stretton and Mrs W Wroblewski

### What are we learning about?

This Term our topics are:

**English** – Journalistic Writing – Children will be writing their own teddy bear magazine.

**Maths** – Some of the topics we will be covering are Division, Addition and Subtraction, Fractions, and Measurement

**Science** – Health and Movement and Forces and Magnets

**RE** – Following on from our Christmas Unit we will be looking at the topic; We Listen to God at Mass and moving on to Lent and Holy Week.

**Topic** – The Romans

**DT** – Photograph Frames

**Computing** – IProgram

**French** – Food Glorious Food

**PE** – Basketball and Gymnastics

### Special days / Dates:

Some important dates for your diaries

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Year 3 Class Mass

WB Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Brilliant in Britain – Multicultural Week and RHE (Ten: Ten Unit 2)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Class Assembly

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3's Saint Day

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Writing Parent Workshops

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Class Mass

Other dates and events will be sent out nearer the time.

### The class charity we have chosen to support.



	Year 3 wanted to support a charity which took care of the poor and vulnerable within our society.
<p><u>Values for Autumn Term:</u></p> <p><b>Curious and Active</b>— before half term</p> <p><b>Curious:</b> Being curious means wanting to learn more about the world, asking questions, and wondering about God, people, and how things work.</p> <p><b>Active:</b> Being active means getting involved, helping others, and using your gifts to make a positive difference at school, at home, and in the world.</p> <p><b>Intentional and Prophetic</b>— after half term</p> <p><b>Intentional:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Prophetic:</b> 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.</p>	<p><u>Children as leaders</u></p> <p>Through the year, children will have opportunities to be leaders. We choose pupil leader groups at the beginning of the year. Children will be able to actively take part in assemblies, masses and prayer gathering through the year.</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>	<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. 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>