



## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the usual cold start to the Spring Term! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday. Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many gifts and cards I received before Christmas. It was very kind and generous of you all and much appreciated.

As with the start of every new term, please ensure that children have a full PE kit in school. Please help us stay consistent with spellings, homework and reading outside of school hours. Children also need to make sure that they always have their reading books and diaries with them. As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Lyttle.

What are we learning about?

This Term our topics are:

RE: The baptism of Jesus followed by the Parables.

English: Poetry with attitude

Numeracy: Measurement, multiplication and division, Fractions and Decimals

Science: Materials and their properties

French: Where in the world

Computing: Programming with use of Scratch

Topic: Anglo-Saxons and Vikings & The Grand Canyon

PE: Swimming and Gymnastics.

DT and Art: Moving toys and Sculpting vases.

Special days / Dates:

Class Mass- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Writing focus workshops- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Mondays: Spelling Test (Please remind children to bring books)

Tuesdays: Guitar lesson – Please remember Guitars

Wednesdays: Homework returned

Thursdays: Swimming- Until February half term

Fridays: Homework sent out

The class charity we have chosen to support

Save the Children UK

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

In Year 5 class the children have the opportunity to be: Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie, part of the School Mission team, Digital leaders and prayer leaders. Plus lots of children will have individual responsibilities in and around the classroom and school.

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)

