

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM



## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a happy, holy and restful Easter! I'm looking forward to this term with the children. Spring term was another successful one in Year One. The children have come a very long way since they first started in September and their improvements with their reading and writing have been amazing! We have our Phonics check this term, thank you for all your continued support with reading at home. P.E. will be on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please could you ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit, which is black shorts, a white T-shirt and pumps or trainers. Homework will be given out on a Friday which will be due back in on the following Thursday. Spellings will now be given out on Monday in class tested the following Monday.

As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Sharma and Miss Sibley

### What are we learning about?

This Term our topics are:

R.E.: Pentecost, Sharing Jesus' life, Following Jesus today.

English: Recognising letter sounds. Blending for reading. Building sentences, basic punctuation. author study and poetry

Numeracy: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction. Multiplication and Measure

Science: Identifying Plants

Topic: Intrepid explorers and Life in the City

ICT: programming and inputting information

PE: Ball skills, Athletics and Dance

ART: Andy Goldsworthy

DT: Eat more fruit and vegetables

### Values for Summer Term:

Grateful and Generous – before half term

Grateful: Taking the time to appreciate the blessing from God and being thankful to Him.

### Special days / Dates:

PE – Monday and Thursday

Homework – Given on a Friday returned by the following Thursday

Class assembly – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Class Masses- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Parent workshop- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Brilliant in Britain week- WB 29<sup>th</sup> June

NSPCC Speak out, stay safe week – WB 8<sup>th</sup> June

### The class charity we have chosen to support

**RSPCA**

### Children as leaders

In Year 1, the children have the opportunity to be:

<p>Generous: Sharing our special talents and gifts with others.</p> <p>Attentive and Discerning- after half term</p> <p>Attentive: Being attentive to the type of person Jesus is calling us to be.</p> <p>Discerning: Thinking carefully about the choices and decisions we make.</p>	<p>Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie and part of the School Mission team.</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 -</p> <p>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. 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>