

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3 and beginning of KS2. It has been lovely to meet the children and yourselves at the beginning of the school year. In Year 3, we are expecting children to begin to build their independence which will support their learning as they progress through KS2. To support your child's learning, we ask that if you could hear your child read at home and record this in their reading record. Children will be bringing their spelling books home weekly and again we ask if you could support your child to learn these each week. Homework will be sent out every Friday and we ask this is back by the following Thursday. Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday each week, please make sure your child has a full PE kit (see school website for more information) We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. If there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see myself or Mrs Wroblewski. We are happy to help in any way possible. Your child will be given logins for Reading Plus and Dreambox Maths in the coming days which they will be able to access at home. Many Thanks

Mrs R Stretton and Mrs W Wroblewski

What are we learning about?

Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction

English Fractured Fairy Tales- Narrative

Science: Rocks and Soils and Health and Movement

RE: Creation and Covenant and Prophecy and Promise

PE: Mindfulness and Invasion Games

Computing: Isafe- Staying Safe Online

Topic: Prehistoric Britain, Rainforests

Art and DT: Portraying Relationships and Moving Monsters

PSHE: Created and Loved by God

Special days / Dates:

WB: Monday 21st September – Mission, Values, Vocation and Prayer Week

Tuesday 29th September – Year 3 Class Mass – please join us if you can

WB: Monday 19th October – Black History Week

Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October – Maths Parent Workshops – please join us if you can

WB: Monday 16th November – Anti-Bullying, Anti-Racism and Internet Safety Week

Tuesday 24th November – Year 3 Class Mass – please join us if you can

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The class charity we have chosen to support



They are the leading sight loss charity, providing vital services for every stage of life.

<u>Values for Autumn Term:</u> Compassionate and Loving– before half term Compassionate: Thinking about one another and showing love and kindness. Loving: Showing love to everyone as Jesus teaches us to. Faith-filled and Hopeful– after half term Faith-filled: Be guided by faith and all of Jesus' teachings. Hopeful: Having hope in Jesus and the Trinity and the power they hold.	<u>Children as leaders</u> Mission Team – Tobi and Lucas Creation Guardians – Gabriel and Airah Mini Vinnies – Azriel and Habeeb School Council – Ruari and Wania
<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.	<u>St Joseph's Way – See our website for more details</u> 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)