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CLASS NEWSLETTER



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Spring 2

Core text for English	Macbeth – William Shakespeare How to be a lion – Ed Vere	
English focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To write a play script ● To write a poem about friendship ● To write a set of instructions 	
Grammar focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parenthesis ● Speech ● Colons ● –ed clauses ● Relative clauses ● Modal verbs ● Indefinite pronouns ● Future tense 	
Maths focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Place value ● Fractions ● Decimals and percentages 	
RE focus	<p>Memorial sacrifice- Eucharist- relating Why do we need memories?</p> <p>Lent/ Easter- giving Why do we need to make sacrifices?</p>	
Faith in Action		<p>This Lent CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. The children of St Joseph's will be doing a sponsored walk to raise money for Cafod and the 'Big Lent Walk'.</p>
Foundation subject topics - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE	<p>Geography - Natural Resources, Trade Links and Fair Trade Science – Earth and Space Sun, Earth, Moon and Solar System D.T. – Making bread Music- Diversity in music. Exploring and comparing different genres. PSHCE/RSE – Health & Wellbeing Physical Education- Coach lead on Fridays, Swimming on Tuesdays</p>	

	MFL – Family
PE days (and kit expectations)	<p>Your child’s PE day will be on Tuesday and Friday. Your child should wear their PE kit to school, with their school jumper on top. The PE kit should consist of a white t-shirt, navy or black bottoms and plimsoles/trainers. The school has to teach the National Curriculum and PE is a vital element of this. Participating regularly in physical activity is important to develop habits for a healthy adult life. On Tuesdays your child will be attending swimming. Please make sure they have the appropriate equipment as stated on the letter send out. In addition, your child will need a towel and swimming cap.</p>
Ways to help at home	<p>Please listen to your child read regularly and discuss the text they are reading. As their books become more complex it is even more important they have the chance to discuss them with an adult. Please sign the reading record book and make a comment. Please encourage your child to learn their ‘spelling words,’ a few minutes practice each day can make a big difference.</p> <p>By Summer Year 5 your child is expected to have mastered their times tables but they need regular practice to retain the information. Your child will have their own account and password for ‘Times Tables Rockstars’. It is important that they are able to recall number facts at speed to aid them with their daily maths work. If they are not yet confident this is a vital area to work on with them.</p> <p>Encourage your child to write at home, stories and letters or maybe they could keep a diary. Continue to borrow books of interest from the school and public library to find out all they can on this term’s topics. You could also play a range of maths based games, such as Yahtzee or any games that involve using a dice. Discuss the rules and strategies that you use, explaining to your child what you are doing and why.</p>
Key dates	Please see website
Additional information	<p>Homework will be given out on Friday and should be given back to be marked as a class by the following Wednesday.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support with your child’s learning.</p> <p>If you have any questions, the school support email address is below</p> <p>School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk</p>