



ST PATRICK

CLASS NEWSLETTER



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Spring 2

Core text for English

In English, this term we will be reading a variety of texts to develop our language and storytelling. Our core books for the term are 'How to be a Lion' Ed Vere and 'Leaf' by Sanda Dieckman.

Throughout the term we will be continuing to develop our handwriting abilities and fine motor skills, using drama and role play to enhance our language and understanding of the texts. We will also be building our confidence in writing and applying the appropriate punctuation to our work.

Supplementary texts

- 'The Secret Sky Garden' by Linda Sarah

English focus

- Poem
- Setting description
- Instruction writing

Phonics focus

This term we will be focusing on teaching Phase 5 Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

Group reading will continue three times a week with the decodable book coming home towards the end of the week.

For parent information, please visit their website

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Maths focus

Fractions: Understand that fractions can be a whole and know that a unit fraction represents one equal part of a whole.

Geometry Position and Direction: Describe movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns

Addition and Subtraction within 20: Add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero.

RE focus

Eucharist: Relating

Big Question: What makes some meals special?

Lent/Easter: Giving

Big Question: How and why do things change?

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	<p>History: Toys from the Past Science: Animals including Humans Computing: We are TV Chefs PSHE: Ourselves and Others Music: Sea Shanties DT: Design a Toy</p>
PE days (and kit expectations)	<p>Tuesday & Wednesday - please wear black jogging bottoms/leggings, a white round neck t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. Please wear your school jumper over the top of your PE kit.</p>
Ways to help at home	<p>Please bring in book bags every day. Books will be changed on Thursdays with the reading books and signed record book. Please ensure you are reading with your child at home every evening for a minimum of ten minutes. Please log all reading in your child's reading record.</p> <p>Activities to do at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Practice letter sounds everyday ● Phonics games https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2/picnic-on-pluto ● Share a book ● Practice reading and writing the "tricky words" ● Counting/recognising numbers ● Encourage independent writing ● Counting to and from 50. ● Adding and subtracting two single digit numbers ● Using household items to count and make groups such as pasta, socks etc. ● Playing dice games such as Ludo to help with number recognition. <p>Homework will be given out every Friday. Sometimes documents will be added onto Google Classroom. To log into Google Classroom, use your child's unique username followed by @stjosephsgsuite.co.uk and their unique password. Year 1 class is referred to as 'St Patrick' class. Homework must be returned on Wednesdays.</p> <p>It is essential that you practise phonics with your children regularly to continue to develop their reading ability and understanding of language.</p>
Key dates	<p>For the full list of dates, please see website – or click here.</p>
Additional information	<p>Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.</p> <p>If you have any questions, I have put the school support email address below.</p> <p>School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk</p>