

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to St. Joseph's! Myself and Miss Blick are excited to start a new term after a wonderful holiday break. The children have returned full of energy and stories about their festive adventures, and they've jumped right back into learning with a smile and lots of focus too.

This term, we're going on a fantastic journey with the theme 'Use the Force'. We're going to explore all kinds of forces that make our world work. We'll be learning about things like friction and magnets, as well as discussing how we can use our own 'force' to make good choices and be kind to others. The children will also have the opportunity to plan and conduct their own experiment!

Some of the interesting genres and tasks this term will consist of: studying traditional tales from around the world, "Painting with Scissors" during Art, beginning our Maths unit on fractions and looking at desktop publishing in Computing. We are also starting a new topic in Geography, examining the UK in detail and finding similarities and differences with all the countries in it. A more detailed description of this term's curriculum can be found on this term's topic web.

For our class text, we are starting *Llama out Loud* by Annabelle Sami. Children are welcome to bring in their own copies to follow along in class. We have really been enjoying this book so far and it is one of my favourites!

Just a few reminders:

- * **Water bottles** - Please remember to send your child in with a bottle every day. Water only please!
- * **Reading at home** - If your child reads to you five times in a week they will get a Reading Point. Enough Reading Points will earn you a bookworm award. We have already given out so many awards, and I would love for this to continue!
- * **Named Clothing** - As mentioned above, please ensure all items of clothing are named (especially jumpers and coats).
- * **Homework** - Homework is set every Friday and due in on a Wednesday. It directly correlates to what we are covering in class at the moment, and can be from either English, Maths, RE or Topic. Spellings are set on Friday for a test on Thursday.
- * **PE** - PE for the term will be taught on **Tuesday** and **Fridays**. As usual, children are to wear their PE kit into school on these days. As we are doing Gymnastics this term, children are to wear shorts underneath jogging bottoms, remove all jewellery and tie hair back.
- * **Outdoor Learning** - This term the children will be doing Outdoor Learning on Fridays. Please send them in with wellies and outdoor clothing, which can be stored at school.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and see me on the playground at the end of the day or email the admin team, I am always available to discuss anything you wish.

Kind Regards,

Miss Drury