



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Diocese of Clifton

Inspiring everyone to REACH through
Faith, Hope, and Love



With St Therese as our guide we do little things with much love to make a big difference for everyone.

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a relaxing festive break and are looking forward to the engaging and explorative term ahead.

This term will see us embark on our new Geography topic 'Investigation of the Nation', where we will be naming and exploring the geographical features of the four countries which make up the United Kingdom. If you and your child have visited somewhere in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, please email admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk with the location name FAO of Miss Read. I will be adding these destinations to our map on the display board in the classroom. You are welcome to include a photo from the trip too!

Throughout this term, we will be looking at Bryan Nash Gill as our artist, exploring natural and man-made objects and using various printing techniques to create our artwork. We will be extending our creativity into our Music learning as well as English, where we will be finishing writing our poems about fireworks and diving into contemporary fictional stories including one of my personal favourites 'owl babies' and non-chronological reports. Developing our scientific enquiry, we will be exploring the 'what, why and how' questions and learning about what materials objects are made from. We will be utilising our young minds, loving learning and understanding more about the world around us. PE will remain to be on a Wednesday and a Friday for spring term 1.

Similar to last term, the children will be given English or Maths based homework via TEAMS along with spellings in a green book. Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday so that it can be marked. Please note that homework that is not handed in on this day may not be marked. Spellings will be set based on the sounds or rules learnt throughout the week. To make it clear the specific sounds will be highlighted. These will not be unfamiliar/new words and will be practised within their daily Phonics session. It is expected that your child practises these in preparation for a spelling test on a Thursday which will be monitored throughout the year. Please do not practise these spellings in your child's green spelling book but on a separate piece of paper. Please be advised that book change days may vary this term due to adjustments in group reading arrangements. Attention to any changes is appreciated and it is encouraged to check the front of your child's group reading diary books for updates. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the admin email, or catch me on the playground after school.

Warm regards

Miss Read

