



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Diocese of Clifton

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

Headteacher: Mrs Clare Howells

Friday 10th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to St Joseph's! I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break with your family and friends.

We are looking forward to commencing a busy yet productive Spring term, as we look to begin some new topics of learning. In line with our 'Magnificent Monarchs' topic, we will be continuing our History learning about Castles. We will also be focusing on hot and cold locations in Geography, and applying our **confidence** and **resilience** in our Dance lessons. Please do take a look at the topic web attached for full details about our upcoming learning.

PE

This term, we will continue to have our PE lessons on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please make sure your child arrives in their school PE kit on these days so that they can make the most of their PE time. Items of clothing should be clearly named at **all** times – even socks! Items of clothing which are not named and that the children cannot identify will go into the lost property.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a **Friday** and due in on a **Wednesday**. Please note that homework that is not handed in on this day *may not* be marked. All homework will continue to be set on TEAMS. Please do speak to SLT directly if you have any difficulties in accessing your child's TEAMS account.

Reading Points

Thank you for continuing to take the time to read with your children at home – it is incredibly valuable to their learning. Please do keep reading with your child as much as you can (and record your reading sessions!). We will continue to award your child with 1 Reading Point if they read at least 5 times at home in the same week.

I would like to express my gratitude to the parents who have continued to read with the children in school – it has provided them with wonderful opportunities to develop their reading skills. If you would be interested in volunteering as a parent reader this term, please do contact Mrs Howells directly.

Just a couple of reminders:

- Please ensure that your child brings their **reading diary** and **reading books** into school with them every day. Your child will have their reading books changed each week, but we cannot change them if books are not returned.
- If your child took their wellies home for Christmas, please ensure they bring them back to school to ensure they are suitably dressed for Outdoor Learning.

- We would also be grateful if you ensure that your child brings the following each day:
 - o A coat and scarf/gloves – the weather continues to be very chilly!
 - o A water bottle.

Thank you for your continued support as we begin the new term at St Joseph's. I'm looking forward to beginning new topics of learning with your children!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rebecca White
Year 2 Teacher