



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Diocese of Clifton

Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through
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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 8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of Autumn Term! I hope you had a restful half term break. I can't believe that we are now working up to Christmas - it has come around so quickly! As I'm sure you are aware, we have had a very busy first week back at school, with a few adjustments as we begin our Nativity practise. The children have settled back into school very well, and I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support in ensuring that your child arrives in the correct uniform each day.

Our topic for this term will be 'We Are Storytellers', which fits in nicely with our English learning, as we look to explore adventure stories. We will also beginning our first Art unit, in which we will apply our **resilience** and **confidence** as we learn about drawing lines and texture. Please find attached our topic web, which details all of our upcoming learning.

We are delighted to be able to share that we will be performing the 'Prickly Hay' Nativity this year - a fabulous production that incorporates aspects of country music. We share your excitement in watching the children put their hard work to practice in December!



Homework

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank you all for your patience throughout the technological issues that we experienced in the previous term. I am pleased that we have finally been able to return to normality!

This term, I will continue to set homework on a Friday, and set the deadline for the following Wednesday. Please note that homework that is not handed in on this day *may not* be marked. Homework will be set on TEAMS - please do let SLT know if you have trouble accessing your child's account.

Maths and English homework will continue to alternate each week, whilst Spellings will remain consistent each week. All homework will reflect what we have been learning in our lessons, and spellings will focus on words that we practise in our Phonics lessons. Please **do not** practise these spellings in your child's green spelling book, this is for their test only.

PE

As we progress through the second half of the Autumn term, the children will continue to have their PE lessons on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure that 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 and waterproofs should be clearly labelled. Any items that are not labelled and cannot be identified by the children will go into lost property.

Reading Books & Readers

I would like to thank you all for taking the time to read with your children at home - it really does make a difference, and it has been lovely to be able to award so many reading points over the last few weeks.

Please do continue to keep reading with your child as often as possible. As always, I will award a reading point for every 5 at-home reading sessions within a week. Every week, your child will take home 2 books. These will be changed on your child's Group Reading day. We are so lucky to have such a wide variety of books to provide the children with. To ensure that our collection of books remains bountiful, we ask that you please return both books on your child's reading day so they can be swapped.

Our children are so lucky to have so many opportunities to read within school each week - and if we could, we would read with every child, every day! However, this is just not possible - but this is where our volunteer readers come in. Our fantastic readers enable our children to have more valuable opportunities to read, and we are always open to welcoming more volunteers. If you would like to read with our children on a 1:1 basis, please do get in touch with Mrs Guoite who will be delighted to add you to our reading rota!

A few additional points:

- Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat each day - the weather is getting slowly, but surely, colder!
- Please provide your child with a water bottle each day - water only please.
- Please ensure that your child comes to school with their wellies at the start of each term.
- Please make sure that your child brings their reading diary and reading books to school each day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We have had a fantastic term so far, and I can't wait to explore new areas of learning with your children as we work up to Christmas!

Yours sincerely

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Miss Rebecca White
Year 2 Teacher