



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Diocese of Clifton

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School! I hope you have had a lovely rest over the summer break and that you and your children feel ready for the Autumn term. We have had a fantastic first week back at school, getting to know each other a little better and developing our **confidence** as we embark on the new school year.

As we begin the new term, we will be focusing on our overarching topic, Planet Earth. This will involve thinking about how we can be admirable citizens of our school and home community, demonstrating stewardship as we encourage ourselves and others to take care of the world around us. Additionally, we will be covering a variety of exciting units of work, including a Wheels and Axles topic in Design and Technology. Towards the end of the term, we will be making our very own moving carts. As part of this, we will ask you to kindly provide various sized empty food cardboard boxes that may otherwise be recycled. Please see below for some examples - we will contact you with more details later on in the term.



Please also find attached a topic web, which details our learning coverage for the term.

Reading Books

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the reading that you have engaged in with your child over the summer - it does make such a wonderful difference. We will continue to read with your child as much as we possibly can in school, and will continue to log their reading points each week during our Group Reading sessions. For every 5 reads at home per week, your child will be awarded 1 reading point.

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.

Homework

This year, we will be continuing to set homework on a Friday, and it will be due in on the following Wednesday. Please note that homework that is not handed in on this day may not be marked. We will be setting homework on TEAMS - please do let SLT know if you have trouble accessing your child's account.

Maths and English homework will 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

This term, the children will have their 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 and waterproofs 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.

Readers

At St Joseph's, reading is such an important part of school life. We would love to be able to read with each child, each day, but it is just not possible - which is why we love welcoming volunteer readers to the school community. We are so grateful for each and every volunteer that gives their time to help enrich the lives of the children, giving them lots of opportunities to read for pleasure. If this is something you would like to support us with in school, please do contact Mrs Guoite directly either after school or via the SLT email. Equally, we have also been fortunate enough to have parent helpers who have been incredibly supportive by coming into school and supporting Class Teachers with various tasks such as laminating and interventions on a 1:1 basis. Again, if this is something you would be interested in, please do contact Mrs Guoite directly.

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.
- 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 to school each day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. It is a pleasure to be teaching your child this year, and I'm looking forward to seeing them grow throughout Year 2!

Yours sincerely

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Miss Rebecca White
Year 2 Teacher