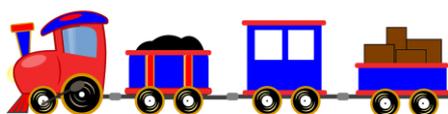


St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Christchurch



Year One Autumn Term 2017



Teacher: Mrs Hills

Teaching assistants: Mrs James, Mrs Dibden

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all enjoyed the summer holiday. The children have returned looking refreshed and ready to learn. They have enjoyed sharing their experiences and have settled back into the school routines well. We have a busy term ahead with lots of fun and exciting activities.

Autumn Term

<p>Topic First half-term Where we live - The United Kingdom Second half-term Fire - Great Fire of London, Firework festivals</p>	<p>'God Matters' (RE) Creation Harvest Our Lady Prayers, Saints and Feasts Remembrance, All souls and all Saints Advent Christmas</p> <p>Personal, Social and Emotional New Beginnings Getting on and falling out</p>
<p>Science Animals including humans- learning about the main groups of animals, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will study their structure and diet. Seasonal Changes- observing changes across the four seasons and describing weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies</p>	<p>Numeracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counting, reading and writing numbers to 20 and beyond - one more/one less/ten more/ten less - Simple addition and subtraction - Number bonds to 10/20 - 2D and 3D shape and pattern - Money - value of coins and simple change - Measuring, estimating and comparing - weight, length and capacity - Data handling, graphs, tables and diagrams - Time, days of the week, months of the year - Position and direction - Halves/quarters and doubles - Place value
<p>Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A wide variety of texts including traditional and modern stories - Rhyme and action songs - Stories with familiar settings, predictable and patterned language - Stories from other cultures - Simple non-fiction texts including labels, lists and captions, instructions and recounts - Poetry - Pattern and rhyme 	

Reading

Children's book bags and reading folders should come in to school each day to enable adults in school to share their reading book with them whenever possible. Please encourage your child to read/share their book with you daily even if it is just a few pages and record this onto their reading chart. Sharing their school reading book is just one aspect of learning to read so please continue to encourage your child to identify letters and words they see around them and enjoy sharing stories and information books from home and the library. To support our phonics learning, we will be sending home the 'common words' we are learning across the year as spellings so you can look for these words when reading to support your child's learning of them.

Home Learning

Home learning will comprise of weekly reading and maths based activities. There will also occasionally be topic based home learning. Home learning folders will go home on a Thursday and should return to school by the following Tuesday. We are sure the children will enjoy the activities but if you have any concerns please let me know as we want to ensure children still find their learning fun.

School Trip

Our school trip will be in the Summer term. The cost will be approximately £15- £20.

Allergies

Please continue to advise us of any allergies and remember that St Joseph's has a NUT-FREE policy, so NO peanut butter in lunchboxes please. Do check the labels on cereal bars you send in too.

Medical Considerations

On the occasions when your child is absent please notify the school at the earliest opportunity. Please keep your child away from school if they are ill. The school policy is to keep your child at home for 48 hours after any incidence of vomiting or diarrhoea. Please also keep us informed of any medical updates so that we can help to support your child in the best way possible.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Claire Smith to the St Joseph's school family. She will be covering maternity leave from after October half-term until the end of the school year in Year 1 and will be meeting the children and spending time in class and before this begins. She has already spent time in school and is attending key meetings and in-school training.

Finally, if you have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. They have made an excellent start to Year One and I look forward to meeting with you at the parent-teacher consultations later this term.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Hills