

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School,  
Christchurch



**Year One**  
**Spring Term 2018**



**Teacher:** Mrs Smith

**Teaching assistants:** Mrs James, Mrs Dibden

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holiday. The children have enjoyed sharing their experiences and have returned refreshed and ready to learn. The Spring term will be very busy with lots of fun and engaging activities.

### Autumn Term

<p>Topic</p> <p>First half-term</p> <p>Inventors - Da Vinci and the Wright brothers</p> <p>Second half-term</p> <p>Oceans and seas - around the World and the UK</p>	<p>'God Matters' (RE)</p> <p>Christmas - Epiphany</p> <p>Revelation</p> <p>Lent</p> <p>Holy Week - St David, St Patrick and St Joseph</p> <p>Other Faiths</p> <p>Easter</p>
<p>Science</p> <p><b>Everyday materials - Let's Build.</b> We will explore differing materials and sort them into groups. We will understand why things are made of certain materials. We will recreate the story of the Three Little Pigs and predict what will happen to their houses!</p> <p><b>Everyday Materials - Marvellous Materials.</b> We will investigate a range of materials and their properties. We will discover which materials are best suited to certain objects and test out our predictions.</p>	<p>Personal, Social and Emotional</p> <p>Going for Goals</p> <p>Good to be Me</p>

<b>Literacy</b>	<b>Numeracy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A wide variety of texts including traditional and modern stories</li> <li>- Rhyme and action songs</li> <li>- Stories with familiar settings, predictable and patterned language</li> <li>- Stories from other cultures</li> <li>- Simple non-fiction texts including labels, lists and captions, instructions and recounts</li> <li>- Poetry - Pattern and rhyme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Counting, reading and writing numbers to 20 and beyond - one more/one less/ten more/ten less</li> <li>- Simple addition and subtraction</li> <li>- Number bonds to 10/20</li> <li>- 2D and 3D shape and pattern</li> <li>- Money - value of coins and simple change - addition and subtraction</li> <li>- Measuring, estimating and comparing - weight, length and capacity</li> <li>- Data handling, graphs, tables and diagrams</li> <li>- Time, days of the week, months of the year</li> <li>- Position and direction</li> <li>- Halves/quarters and doubles</li> <li>- Place value</li> </ul>

### 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.

### Spelling

We will continue to send out spellings every Monday. These spellings relate to the spelling patterns we are learning during the week and also may have 'tricky words' - words that don't fit a spelling pattern but just have to be learnt.

### Library

Our library slot is on Wednesdays. During this time, the children complete a book based activity and change their library books. We occasionally have to swap our library slot so apologise if you do not always receive new library books on a Wednesday.

### 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.

### Coats

A big thank you to parents for ensuring that children have coats every day.

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 Smith