

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Jesus told us to 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Year 5 Class News

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring term. I hope you had an enjoyable half term and made the most of the wonderful weather!

English

This half term we will be studying Instruction and Explanation texts. We are using our science topic to help us write Instructions on how to conduct a science experiment and explanations for how the moon orbits the earth. I'm sure our writing will be *out of this world!* For reading, we are using *A Thousand and One Arabian Nights* to develop our reading comprehension and ability to infer information from the text. In grammar, we will be focusing specifically on verbs to help with our instruction writing including imperative verbs and modal verbs.

Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing to work with fractions and relating this to decimals and percentages too. This will then enable us to tackle some real-life maths problems using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Towards the end of the half term, we will move onto transformations of shapes using a coordinate grid. We are also very excited by the launch of the new Times Table Rockstars and can't wait to see the positive effect this has in class.

Science

Our Science unit this half term is Earth, Sun and Moon. We will start by learning a general overview of our Solar System, including putting this into scale. We will then focus on the Earth and its moon, learning how these are positioned in space and the effect this has on our days and seasons throughout the year.

Art

The focus of this half term's topic is a painting entitled 'The Embarkation of The Queen of Sheba'. Towards the end of the unit, we will have conducted a close reading analysis of the painting to deepen our understanding of historical paintings and the reasons for the artist's choices. This will include a focus on colour and considering the effect of a variety of tones, tints and shades.

Sketching

We will be working regularly in our sketch books to develop our drawing skills. We will explore the effect of light on objects and people from different directions and show this through a variety of texture. This will include experimenting with a variety of pencils to create the desired effects. We will also produce drawings of people, increasing the accuracy of proportion and detail. In addition, we will also consider the perspective of people in pictures when compared with buildings to create a final piece of our own.

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This term's 'Come and See' topics are:

Eucharist-Relating: Memorial Sacrifice
Lent- Sacrifice

PE

PE will be on **Monday** and **Friday**. Please ensure children have the correct kit of: navy or black shorts, white T shirt and black pumps. Suitable outdoor footwear, such as trainers, are required for outdoor PE. As the winter months approach, it is advisable that children bring warmer kit, such as tracksuit top/bottoms for outdoor lessons. All children need a PE bag, clearly labelled, in which to keep PE kit and shoes. If children repeatedly forget their PE kit we will inform you via Class Dojo. A reminder that children must not wear earrings for PE. If they are unable to remove their own earrings in school, please do this at home as earrings cannot be covered with plasters. If your child is not able to do PE for a particular reason please provide them with a note.

Homework

The children will have weekly Maths and English homework, as well as spellings to learn. There will be weekly tests for spelling and arithmetic. Homework will be given out on a **Wednesday** and is to be returned by **Monday**. Any child who requires support or does not return their work can stay in on a Wednesday lunchtime to complete it. Please encourage your child to do their homework. Please also encourage them to read regularly and make sure they/you have written in their reading record, which will be checked on a Friday morning. Your support really does make a difference.

Water Bottles

If possible please provide your child with a water bottle to bring to school. I encourage the children to drink plenty of water but find it more convenient if they have a bottle rather than sharing beakers (and germs).

Uniform

Please label your child's clothing. Items most frequently misplaced are sweatshirts, PE kits and coats. It is much easier to trace any misplaced items if they have a name on them somewhere. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated and most helpful.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 6th March- Ash Wednesday service in church

Thursday 7th March- World Book Day

Monday 18th-Thursday 21st March- Bikeability (for those who returned reply slip)

Friday 22nd March- St. Joseph's Got Talent

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 20th April- Parents' Evening (separate letter to follow)

Thursday 18th April- INSET DAY

You can also check on our Year 5 page on Class Dojo and our blog page on the school website for up-to-date information and to see what your children have been learning.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Casey and Mrs Chadfield.