

## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

### Year 4 – Spring Term (1<sup>st</sup> half)



Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year celebrations. I have really enjoyed working with the children this week. They have settled back into the classroom really well and they have all completed some fantastic learning. To find out more about our learning, please look at the topic web which is attached.

#### Year 4 Home Learning

To ensure consistency across the school, homework will be sent via google classroom and completed in homework books. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to me.

| Subject           | Sent home   | Due in           | Frequency   |
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| English/Spellings | Friday  | Tested on Friday | Weekly      |
| Times tables      | Friday  | Tested on Friday | Weekly      |
| Topic             | As required   | As required      | As required |
| Reading           | We expect the children to read at home daily for a minimum of 20 minutes. Books can be changed each day. Please make sure that you regularly read with your child and discuss the books that they are reading. Please note: it is important to question your child about what they have read e.g. How do you think Tess felt when she left the house? Why? These open questions require children to use evidence from the text to support their judgements. It would also be useful if you could ask your child to collect new/unknown words from their book, find their meaning and share them with the class. |                  |             |

#### Reminders

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| School lunch and snacks | Year 4 children can order a school lunch daily. Please order and pay on ParentPay. Orders can be placed up until 8am on the day, after this time you will need to make alternative arrangements.<br>We promote healthy eating at school and so lunch boxes should not contain more than one chocolate snack and one packet of crisps.<br>Children are welcome to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for a snack at break time.<br><b>We are a nut free school.</b> We have children with potentially fatal nut allergies in school, therefore no food containing nuts may be sent into school. |
| Drinks                  | Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water, no juice or fizzy is allowed.   |
| Uniform                 | Grey trousers or shorts, or grey skirt or pinafore dress, black, white or grey socks, black or grey tights, white polo shirt, green logo school sweatshirt or cardigan.<br>Warm weather option – green and white gingham dress (dress with shorts instead of skirt is acceptable).<br>Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.   |

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|                 | <p>Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows.</p> <p>Nail varnish is not allowed.</p> <p>School shoes must be black and no heels, trainers or boots.</p>   |
| PE Kit          | <p>Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers.</p> <p>All kit must be named and in a named bag.</p> <p>Ear rings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons.</p> <p>Watches must be removed for PE.</p> <p>PE kit should be worn into school on PE days – Wednesday and Friday.</p> |
| Bags            | <p>Children can have a bag or rucksack in school but please avoid the large bulky ones as 30 rucksacks take up a lot of room in the class.</p>   |
| Mornings        | <p>School starts promptly at 8.55am.</p> <p>Your child will be greeted at the class door by an adult at 8.50am. Please only pass on quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment.</p> <p>Children and parents arriving after 8.55am will be asked to sign in at the office.</p>                      |
| After school    | <p>School finishes at 3.30pm. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child, please ensure the office has their details. We will not let them leave unless we are sure they are safe.</p>  |
| Contact details | <p>Please ensure your contact details and those of other people who may collect your child are always kept up to date. Please see the office ASAP if you change your phone number or address.</p>  |

**Teaching assistant:** The teaching assistant who may be working with your child this half term is Mrs Cowdrey.

## RSHE

If you have any questions about what we will be teaching in RSHE lessons, please feel free to send an email to [admin@stjo.uk](mailto:admin@stjo.uk) which will be passed on to me or catch me after school.

There is an online parent platform so that you, as parent and carers, can engage with the teaching and deepen the experience for your child. For access to the online parent platform please visit: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

School Username: st-josephs-ex8

Password: sunny-day

We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so I am available at the start and end of the day if you need to pass on any messages. However, if you would like a longer chat please make an appointment with me.

If you are able to support our learning with resources or would like to help in class, please let a member of staff know. We value your involvement in your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Spinks