

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Foundation Stage – Summer term



Welcome to the Summer Term of 2021!

The children are settling back into the routines of the school day after the Easter holidays. We are very proud of how they come in everyday with such positive learning attitudes.

This term we welcome eight new children and their families to our Oak and Acorn classes. We hope you will settle in quickly and soon feel part of our Foundation Stage at St Joseph's.

This term we will begin with a topic called 'On a mission....' We chose this as it fits well with our R.E theme of Pentecost and being on a mission to spread good news.

For those people who are new to Foundation – we always follow the lead and interest of our children. We let them (with some guidance!) decide on how the topic develops over time. During our Earth day celebrations the children were particularly interested in the globe we had in the classroom. We had many planet and space travel facts during the day!

To continue the children's interest in space we will use the book 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. We will begin learning to 'read/tell' the story (with actions), writing labels, creating lists, designing our own alien and so much more! The Oak children will be writing the story and we will all be inventing our own version of the story.

In Mathematics we will continue develop our counting skills and explore the composition of numbers. The Oak children will be exploring number facts / bonds of all numbers to 10 as well as doubling, odds and evens. We will also work within the area of shape, space and measures (including work on length, time and money). This will mainly be explored through practical activities and also across our curriculum and environment. E.g. using the role play area.

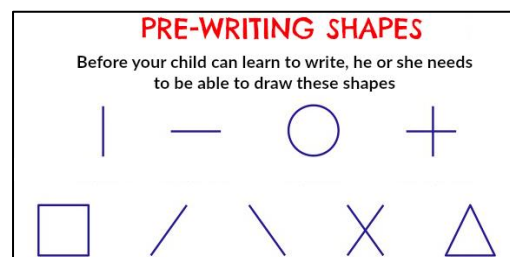
For Creative development, as well as the roleplay and imaginative play, we will also be using different materials and media with which to explore colour, texture and design.


The Summer term is usually when we can get out and about a bit more to explore our natural world and local / school environment. The children showed great enthusiasm and care, as well as scientific skill for our cress last term so we hope to use our knowledge from that experiment to ensure our tomato and cucumber plants are a success this term!

We will also continue to be physically active with our outdoor play, using bikes and trikes, obstacle courses, P.E sessions as well as yoga, movement and music.


During Funky fingers sessions we will continue to practise fine motor activities from tweezers to pegs and threading beads/cheerio's onto different strings. Dough discos will continue to be a regular feature in our learning! In Acorn class - our school starters, and those children that are ready, will look at forming the letters in their names and the pre-writing shapes that help us to form our letters.


In Oak class we will continue with our letter families. At the moment we are on the robot arm letters – r,b,h,n,m,k and p.



Oak Class -			
Subject	Sent home	Due in	Frequency
Oak Class home learning	Friday	Wednesday	Weekly
Reading 	<p>Your child will now be receiving three books each week that should be spread out over the week. This should include – reading, re-reading, discussing and retelling. Keep an eye out for a yellow reading record book which will have more information in it. Please ensure you write in this books to let us know your comments from home.</p> <p>Get them reading! We suggest you to read 3 times per week for 5 minutes at a time. Encourage your child to ‘sound it out’ and help them ‘blend’ the sounds together by repeating the sounds back to them. Practise really does make perfect!</p> <p>Get them writing! Encourage your child to write independently using their growing phonic skills. They could write shopping lists, cards, post-its, notes, messages, letters, little books and postcards – anything at all. It’s all great practise.</p>		

Reminders:

School lunch PLEASE  NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS	<p>Oak children are entitled to a free school lunch every day. Thank you for selecting your menu choices already.</p> <p>For Acorn children a school lunch can be ordered at a cost of £2.35 School dinners must be ordered on Parent pay before 8am.</p> <p>We promote healthy eating at school and so lunch boxes should not contain more than one chocolate snack and one packet of crisps.</p> <p>Children are welcome to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for a snack at break time. We are a nut free school. We have children with potentially fatal nut allergies in school, therefore no food containing nuts may be sent into school.</p>
Drinks	<p>Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water, no juice or fizzy is allowed.</p>
Uniform	<p>Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.</p> <p>Grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or pinafore dress, white or grey socks, grey tights, White polo shirt, Green logo school sweatshirt or cardigan. Warm weather option – green and white gingham dress (dress with shorts instead of skirt is acceptable)</p> <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 (Oak class only)	<p>Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers. 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 to school on a Friday.</p>

Wellies 	Please ensure your child has a pair of clearly named wellie boots that can be kept in school this will enable the children to explore outside without getting their school shoes muddy!
Bags	Reception, Yr 1 and 2 children must have a book bag in school. This is so books can easily be checked and letters put in. Acorn children should bring their book bags so they can exchange their books 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.
Mornings	Oak class start at 8:45am. Please pass on any quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment. Acorn class start at 9am (siblings from 8:45am)
After school	All the children in Foundation finish at 3.15pm. 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.
Contact details	Please ensure you 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.

We always encourage the children to feel proud when they can achieve things by themselves. This includes taking responsibility for their own possessions. We have established routines whereby children are able to ensure snack pots, water bottles and book bags find their place in the classroom and are taken home at the end of the day. Jumpers / cardigans are put safely on their pegs or in their tray. Please ensure jumper/ cardigans are clearly named in case of any going astray!

Grown-ups - you can help your child by encouraging them to put on their clothes, coats and shoes at home and by helping them to eat independently at meal times. Oak class children should be encouraged to use a knife and fork at home.

As the weather is warming up the sun seems to be increasingly powerful. We have a great outdoor area and the children have access to it for the majority of the day. Please make sure you have applied sun cream to them before they come to school. You can buy high factors and long lasting creams that will give your child all day protection. A sun hat (clearly named) should also be worn.

A final message to keep an eye on Tapestry and the Foundation Class page on the school website which will show you how our topic develops and how busy we have been!

<http://www.stjosephsprimaryschool.com/website/foundation>

We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so please remember our door is always open and you can come and talk to us if you have any questions and concerns.

Yours sincerely,

The Foundation Stage Team.