**St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School**

**Year 1 – Autumn (2nd half)**

Welcome back!

This half term our topic is still, Our Common Home.

Please see attached our topic overview.

**Year 1 home learning**

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| Subject | Sent home | Due in | Frequency  |
| Common exception words | Friday | Thursday | Weekly  |
| English | Friday | Thursday | Weekly  |
| Maths | Friday | Thursday | Weekly |
| Topic | Friday | Thursday | As required |
| Reading  | We expect the children to read at home daily. Daily practice can really support your child’s progress, even if it is just for five minutes every day. Thank you for your support with this. Books can be changed each day. As part of your reading routine, you can support your child by asking questions about the book. E.g How is Lucy feeling when …….? What do you think will happen next? Can you discuss your favourite words and phrases? It would 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. We have a magpie board in class which we can add these to. |

**Reminders**

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| School lunch and snacks | Year 1 children are entitled to a free school lunch every day. Please see the school website for the menu. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer. We promote healthy eating at school and so lunch boxes should not contain more than one chocolate snack and one packet of crisps.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. |
| 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 | Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.Black or grey trousers or shorts, Black or grey skirt or pinafore dress, Black, white or grey socks, Black or 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)Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows.Nail varnish is not allowed. School shoes must be black and no heels, trainers or boots.  |
| PE kit | Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers. All kit must be named and in a named bag.Ear rings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons.Watches must be removed for PE.PE kit must be in school every day. |
| 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. Children can have a bag or rucksack in school but please avoid the large bulky ones as 26 rucksacks take up a lot of room in the class. |
| Mornings | School starts promptly at 8.55am. Your child will be greeted at the class door by an adult. Please only pass on quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment.Children and parents arriving after 9.00am will be asked to sign in at the office. |
| After school | 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. |
| 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. |

**Teaching assistants**

The teaching assistants who may be working with your child this half term are Mrs Kerr and Miss Christopher.

**Specialist teachers**

On a Wednesday afternoon, Year 1 will have music taught by Miss Christopher and PE taught by Mrs Turner.

This half term the children will be having a Cricket skills session on a Monday afternoon, with a cricket coach. Please provide jogging bottoms as we will be outside if it is dry!

**Key dates for this half term**

Devon Recycling will be visiting the class and leading a workshop based around our topic on Tuesday 5th November.

Parent activity session (Focus on reading) – Wednesday 6th November.

Trip to Living Coasts on Tuesday 12th November.

Anti-bullying workshops – Wednesday 13th November.

KS1 Nativity – Tuesday 10th December. 2pm and 6pm.

We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so we are 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 us.

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,

Mrs Robertson and Mrs Finn