

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Year 4/5 – Autumn Term (2nd half)



Welcome back!

The children have settled back into school amazingly well and they are showing enthusiasm towards their learning which is fantastic.

Our topic this half term is 'Exploring Europe'.

Please see attached our topic overview.

Year 4/5 home learning

Subject	Sent home	Due in	Frequency
Times Tables	Friday	Test on a Friday	Weekly
Times Tables and related division facts should be practised daily – children have access to Timetables Rock Stars to help them with this.			
Maths / English Grammar IXL	Friday	Wednesday	As Required
Foundation subjects	Friday	Wednesday	As Required
Reading	<p>We expect the children to read at home daily. 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?"</p> <p>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.</p>		

Reminders

School lunch and snacks	<p>Please see the school website for the menu. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer. You now need to order online and pay through parent pay before 8am. If you need support with this please speak to the office.</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.</p> <p>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	Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water, no juice or fizzy is allowed.
Uniform	<p>Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.</p> <p>Grey trousers or shorts, 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).</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	Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, navy or black jogging bottoms and trainers. All kit must be named.

	<p>Ear rings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons.</p> <p>Watches must be removed for PE. Children need to wear their PE kit to school every Wednesday. Please could all children keep trainers in their school bag as we will be participating in a daily 2km run.</p> <p>Earrings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons. Watches must also be removed.</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. We would also ask that children do not bring pencil cases as everything is provided within the classroom.</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. Years 5 and 6 – if your child sometimes walks home alone or with friends, please ensure that the office has written permission for this (you could send an email to admin@stjo.uk).</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 assistants

The teaching assistant who may be working with your child this half term is Mrs Mathews, Mrs Briggs and Mrs Shapter.

RSHE

You will see from the information on the topic web, we will be starting to look at the topic of puberty this half term. This will involve learning about the changes that happen to both boys' and girls' bodies during puberty. If you have any questions about what we will be teaching, please feel free to send an email to admin@stjo.uk which will be passed on to me or catch me after school.

Specialist teachers

On a Wednesday afternoon, Maple Class will have music taught by Mrs Nelmes and PE will be taught by Mrs Turner.

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, please let a member of staff know. We value your involvement in your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Spinks