

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Year 4 – Spring Term (2nd half)



Welcome back!

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
English/Spellings	Tuesday	Tested on Tuesday	Weekly
Times tables	Tuesday	Tested on Tuesday.	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

School lunch and snacks	<p>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.</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>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.</p> <p>Warm weather option – green and white gingham dress (dress with shorts instead of skirt is acceptable).</p> <p>Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.</p> <p>Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows.</p>

	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 should be worn into school on PE days – Tuesday and Friday.
Bags	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	School starts promptly at 8.55am. 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. Children and parents arriving after 8.55am 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 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.

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

RSHE

This term we will be exploring the topic of puberty, discussing the physical and emotional changes that will take place for girls and boys over time. Please see our topic web for information on all of the topics that are covered this term.

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 which will be passed on to me or catch me before/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

Forest School

Our next forest school session will be Wednesday 8th March 2023. Please send the children to school in their school uniform with old clothes and wellies/old waterproof shoes in a bag. The children will also need to bring a coat in case it rains.

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 and Lucy O'Mahoney