

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Year 2 – Summer term (1st half)



Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter.

This half term our topic is, **A step back in time.**

Please see attached our topic overview.

Year 2 home learning

Subject	Sent home	Due in	Frequency
Spellings Phonics Common exception words	Friday	There will be a spelling test every Friday, testing the spellings from the previous week.	Weekly
Maths	Friday	Wednesday	Weekly
Topic	Friday	Wednesday	As required
Reading	<p>We expect the children to read at home daily. Daily practice can really support your child's progress, even if it is for just 5 minutes every day.</p> <p>This term, we will be changing the books every Monday. To minimise the amount of contact, your child will bring home three books for the week. We need to have the books back and the reading record to be able to change these. An important part of reading, is re-reading the same book as it helps to develop fluency so please don't worry about reading the same book again. We have a Reading Stars System in Class where we monitor and celebrate how much your child is reading to an adult. Each week, we calculate how many times they have read and their name then moves up the chart resulting in certificates when they reach the 25, 50, 75 and 100 markers. This is calculated on your comments in your child's reading record so please continue to sign and write comments when you have read with your child.</p> <p>When your child reaches the end of the Colour Reading Scheme, they move onto Accelerated Reader. They carry out a Star Reader Quiz which determines which code of books they can read. The points system is calculated by comprehension and variety of vocabulary. Once, they have finished reading a book, they quiz on the computer to check their understanding. It is important that they read the books, sent home from school as we monitor their progress with these quizzes. They have a login in the back of their Yellow Reading Records.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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. We have a magpie board in class which we can add these too.</p>		

Reminders

School lunch and snacks	<p>Year 2 children are entitled to a free school lunch every day. Please see the school website for the menu and order these through Parent Pay. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer.</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>
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	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. 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) 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	This term, to reduce the amount of changing, your child needs to come to school in their P.E kit on a Monday and a Tuesday. They will stay in it for the day so do not need to bring their uniform. Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, black or navy 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.
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 rucksacks can take up a lot of room in the class.
Mornings	School starts promptly at 8.55am unless they have a sibling in Nursery, Foundation, Year 5 or Year 6 where they start at 8:45am. Please ensure your child arrives promptly at the time that they need to start their school day . Your child will be greeted at the patio gate 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, Miss Weston and Miss Larnier.

On a Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Turner will teach the class P.E and Mrs will teach Computing.

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 over the fence. If you need to speak to me at the end of the day, please let me know and I will come and talk to you on the playground. If you would like a longer chat please make an appointment with me and we can arrange a phone appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rowe