

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to St Joseph's Catholic School. It has been wonderful to begin to get to know your wonderful children, they have settled into school life well and we are so very proud of all them. The children have begun to adapt to our routines and this will continue throughout the Autumn Term.

Could we ask you to make sure water bottles, cardigans and jumpers etc are clearly labelled with your child's name or initials, this will be greatly appreciated. We have external Music lessons which are delivered by Dudley Performing Arts weekly, this will take place on a Friday. Children will be sent home every Friday with a piece of homework and their Home School Link Book. Could we ask these bags are back into school by Wednesday at the latest. Please take time to read your child's home school link book and add comments about the weekend.

Your child will be sent home each day with a reading folder with a book and reading record, please date and comment when you have read with them at home. We ask for a written comment at least once a week. We kindly ask you to make sure your child has this folder in school each day.

We are so looking to continuing to watch them grow and learn and we are so grateful to be a part of your child's journey at St Joseph's. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask either of us.

Thank you again for your continued support

Miss Marsh and Miss Rhodes

What are we learning about?

Our Topics are: 'About Ourselves' and 'Let there be light'. Some key texts we will be Topsy and Tim start school, Super Duper You, What Colour is Love, The Fox in the Dark, Laura's Star and Whatever Next. Each week we will focus our learning around a different text which matches our topic.

In RE, we are going to be focusing on the Creation story and looking at the things God created and how to look after our world. Our next topic will be people who care for us. In Autumn Term 2, we move on to looking at Advent and Christmas

Special days / Dates:

Some key dates listed here, see further newsletters and flyers with more

WB: Monday 25th September – MVVP Week (Mission, Values, Vocation and Prayer) and Ten: Ten RHE week

WB: Monday 23rd October – Black History Week

WB: Monday 13th November – Anti-bullying, Anti-Racism and Internet Safety Week

Wednesday 22nd November and Thursday 23rd November – Maths Parent Workshop

In Maths, we are focusing on number during this term. We are looking at recognising numbers, subitising numbers, comparing numbers (one more and one less). In Autumn 2, we will start to focus on shape looking at comparing and sorting objects, compare capacity, length, height and size and repeating patterns.

In Literacy, we are going to explore a range of books and stories to develop children's sequencing. The children will have many opportunities for writing during this term and beyond.

In Phonics, we will be focusing on initial sounds and oral blending CVC words to read.

Values for Autumn Term:

Grateful and Generous – before half term

Grateful: Showing gratitude for all the blessing God gives to us.

Generous: Sharing our blessing and talents with others.

Attentive and Discerning after half term

Attentive: Being attentive to the type of person God is calling us to be.

Discerning: Making good choices and trying to do the right thing – even when this can be difficult.

