

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely break. It has been wonderful to see our existing Nursery children return to school with confidence and to welcome our new children into the setting. The children are settling into the environment well and we are so proud of them. All children are beginning to learn about the Nursery routines, become familiar with the learning environment and develop secure and trusting relationships with staff.

We will continue throughout this half term to focus on personal, social and emotional development to support childrens wellbeing. You will be notified shortly of your childs key person and this adult is assigned to your child to help ensure your child feels known, understood, cared about and safe. A childs key person is also a point of contact for yourselves if you wish to speak to a member of staff.

This half term we will be focusing on Nursery Rhymes and supporting childrens development through an array of rhyme. We will also be using a wide range of stories to provide a context for learning. There will be a big focus on supporting the development of the prime areas of the curriculum.

Could we kindly ask you to make sure water bottles, cardigans and jumpers etc are clearly labelled with your child's name, this will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Miss Oakley (EYFS Lead)

### What are we learning about?

This half term we are focusing on nursery rhymes and 'all about me'. We will also be focusing on a wide range of story books to develop speaking, listening and language skills.

In RE, we are going to be focusing on the Creation story, looking at the things God created and how to look after our world.

In Maths, we are focusing on number. We are learning to count, understanding quantities and recognise numbers.

In Literacy, we are going to explore a wide range of nursery rhymes and stories to develop children's knowledge and understanding. The children will also experience different mark making opportunities.

### Special days / Dates:

WB 23<sup>rd</sup> September; MVVP Week

WB 21<sup>st</sup> October; Black History Week

WB 11<sup>th</sup> November; Anti-Bullying, Anti-Racism and Internet Safety week

### The class charity we have chosen to support

In Nursery we have chosen to support young at heart. Young at heart are a small local registered charity, founded in 1982, offering help and support to families of babies and children diagnosed with heart defects. All these children and their families have spent many weeks/months in hospital undergoing major heart surgery.

<p>Throughout the term we will have a clear focus on developing childrens personal, social and emotional development, communication and language skills and physical development.</p>	
<p><u>Values for Autumn Term:</u>  Curious and Active– before half term</p> <p>Curious: Curious about the life of Jesus and finding out more about his life and teachings.  Active: Putting our faith into actions – actions speak louder than words!</p> <p>Intentional and Prophetic- after half term</p> <p>Intentional: Being intentional with our words and actions – making good choices.  Prophetic: Speaking clearly treating others the way Jesus showed us.</p>	<p><u>St Joseph’s Way – See our website for more details</u></p> <p>At St. Joseph’s we develop children’s character through the ‘St. Joseph’s Way’ curriculum. In order to build character, we define the behaviours and habits that we expect students to demonstrate. We want to support our pupils to grow into adults who are polite, respectful, grateful and who put others before themselves. We believe that, as pupils practise these behaviours over time, they become habits that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them. As philosopher Will Durant states, “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” (1926)</p>
<p><u>Catholic Social Teaching &amp; British values</u>  Throughout the curriculum and beyond children learn about the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching - Working in Solidarity, Care for Creation, Community &amp; Participation, Dignity of Workers, Help for the Poor &amp; Vulnerable, Human Dignity &amp; Solidarity and how they link to British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect &amp; Tolerance.</p>	