

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas. It has been lovely to hear the children tell us all about their holidays and we would like to thank you for the cards and presents we received.

We have welcomed some new children into nursery, and they are settling into their new class very well, and our existing nursery children have come back and are settling back into nursery routines and helping our new friends. Well done, everyone!

A few notices and reminders:

- Our session times are: morning nursery 8.30 – 11.30. We have a flexible arrival time until 8.45. Please make sure your child is in nursery by 8.45. Our afternoon nursery time is 12.30 until 3.30. We open our nursery doors for a flexible collection at 3.15.
- We would ask that all waterbottles, coats and jumpers and cardigans are named, please.
- Please make sure any jewellery has been removed before your child comes to nursery, including stud earrings.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and we are looking forward to an exciting new term as we begin with our new topic 'Superheroes'! The children have shown lots of excitement about this topic, and are already busy exploring the superhero activities!

Mrs Smith

What are we learning about?

Our topics this term are 'Superheroes' and 'Once Upon a Time in the Garden.' We will be exploring different materials in our 'Superheroes' topic, as well as finding out about real-life superheroes, such as doctors, nurses, fire-fighters and other people who help us. We will be exploring the texts 'Supertato' and 'Superworm', thinking about the main events and characters in the story. In RE, we will be learning about Christmas, Baptism and Lent.

In phonics, we will continue to learn a letter sound each week, as well as exploring rhyme and initial letter-sounds. In maths, we will explore repeating patterns, and continue to explore a number each week, as well as identifying 2D shapes, such as circle, rectangle, triangle and square.

Special days / Dates:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term. Last day in school.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – School re-opens

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – End of term. School closes for Easter.

A homework activity sheet will be given at the beginning of each half term. Please complete one activity each week.

Values for Spring Term:

Curious and Active until half term

CURIIOUS: about the world and what we can do to make it a better place for everyone. ACTIVE: in our school, community, parish & home life to actively make a difference.

Intentional and Prophetic after half term

INTENTIONAL: making a conscious decision to treat other people and our world in the thoughtful, kind and dignified way the Church teaches us to – this is our INTENTION. PROPHETIC: By living in the way the Church

A God who Speaks

The vision of the Archdiocese of Birmingham is to encourage us to reengage with scripture.

Spring Term 1 focus scripture:

"Here is the light you will reveal to the nations"  
Luke 2:32

Spring Term 2 focus scripture:

teaches – we are prophetic through setting a positive example of our faith  
life to others – we become like a PROPHET who can set a good example of  
how to live in Christ.

“I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me  
as you have said”  
Luke 1:38