

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Welcome to Year One!

We have a really exciting year ahead of us with lots to look forward to. Here in Year 1, we endeavour to make it a learning journey that your child will never forget and one which will prepare each of our children for the adventures of Year 2 and beyond.

You can help your child along that path by hearing them read 10 minutes a day, help them learn their spellings and complete weekly homework tasks.

P.E. will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please could you ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit, which is black shorts, a white T – shirt and pumps or trainers. As the cold weather will soon be upon us, a reminder that children are allowed to bring in black tracksuit bottoms to wear during PE lessons.

Homework will be given out on a Friday which will be due back in by the following Thursday. English Homework will be given out in books and Maths Homework will be on a sheet.

As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see myself or Miss Sibley. We are always happy to help in any way possible.

Kind regards,

Miss Bate and Miss Sibley

What are we learning about?

R.E.: Creation, Families and Celebrations and Prayers

English: Recognising letter sounds. Blending for reading. Building sentences, basic punctuation.

Fairy Stories, traditional tales and rhyme.

Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction.

Science: Materials. Identify and describe common materials and the jobs they are best suited to.

Computing: Computer skills – Basic keyboard skills, algorithms and instructions.

PE: How to keep our bodies healthy – fitness and observing how our bodies react to exercise. Running

Art: Self Portraits. Looking at famous artist's self-portraits and attempting their own self portrait.

Geography: All Around the World - looking at different continents and focussing on a country from each.

History: Toys Past and Present - describing how toys from the past are different from toys we play with now and how they are the same.

Special days / Dates:

Our class Mass: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Maths parent workshop: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Class Saint and Celebration day (St Josephine Bakhita) Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Mondays: Spelling Tests

Wednesday PE

Thursday: PE

Fridays: Homework sent out

**MVVP – Mission, Vocation, Values and Prayer Week in School**

WB Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

**Black History Week 2023**

WB – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

**Antibullying, Anti-Racism and Internet safety week**

WB – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

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.

