

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year and hope you all had a safe and peaceful Christmas. Thank you very much for Christmas gifts, cards and wishes it is was very kind. A big thank you for your understanding and support during the Autumn term.

During this term, we will be continuing to build children's independence and your support is greatly appreciated. Your child will receive weekly homework consisting of a Maths and a English focus. Your child will also be receiving regular multiplication home in readiness for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC - [Multiplication tables check: information for parents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/multiplication-tables-check) tests in the Summer term. Your support will be greatly appreciated to support your child and help with their homework every week. Homework will be set each Friday and we ask for it to be handed in the following Thursday.

Please continue to hear your child read regularly at home, encouraging a love for reading. If reading books are not being taken home please don't hesitate to speak to someone in the Year 4 team and we can make sure this is happening. Spellings will be set weekly and children will participate in a test every Monday. If children gain full marks on their test, they will receive a raffle ticket. The more raffle tickets your child gains the greater opportunity they have to win a £5 gift voucher to spend.

If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to speak to myself, Mrs Parker or Miss Iqbal. However, every big or small the issue is, we will always try to sort this out for you.

Looking forward to working with you all this term  
Miss Marsh

**What are we learning about?**

Below are subjects/ topics you child will be learning this half term

Maths – Place value, Multiplication, Division, Fractions, Properties of Shape, Decimals and Time.

English – Writing for Real – Fun Fit Factory and Eye of the Wolf.

RE – Jesus: Light of the World and Beloved Son, Old Testament: Moses to Kind David Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Science – Eating and Digestion and Living in Environments

Topic – Countries of the World and Anglo Saxons, Picts and Scots

**Special days / Dates**

Our PE days are Monday and Thursday – please make sure your child has a full PE kit in order to participate in their lesson.

Weekly Spelling test every Monday and new spellings will be given out each week.

Our Class Mass this half term is – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Our Prayer Partner Gathering with Year 1 will be Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Multicultural Britain Week – Be a Hero – wb Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Ten: Ten RHE Unit 2: Created to love others – wb Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February

<p>Music – Children will receive Music teaching from Dudley Performing Arts until February half term</p> <p>PE – Continuing to focus on basic gymnastics skills and Dance.</p> <p>Art/ DT – Pencil Cases and Vincent Van Gogh</p> <p>Spanish – Lessons delivered by Senorita Rico weekly every Wednesday.</p>	<p>Children will commence weekly Swimming lessons after February half term.</p>
<p><b>Values for Spring Term:</b></p> <p><b>Curious and Active</b> until half term  CURIOUS: about the world and what we can do to make it a better place for everyone. ACTIVE: in our school, community, parish &amp; home life to actively make a difference.</p> <p><b>Intentional and Prophetic</b> 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 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.</p>	<p><b>A God who Speaks</b></p> <p>The vision of the Archdiocese of Birmingham is to encourage us to reengage with scripture.</p> <p><i>Spring Term 1 focus scripture:</i>  <i>"Here is the light you will reveal to the nations"</i>  <i>Luke 2:32</i></p> <p><i>Spring Term 2 focus scripture:</i>  <i>"I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said"</i>  <i>Luke 1:38</i></p>