

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back Year 3,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and spend some well-deserved rest over the festive period. I trust you are ready for an enjoyable and busy term ahead. Please help us stay consistent with spellings, homework and reading outside of school hours. Spellings should be in school every Monday for a weekly tests and homework back for Thursday at the latest. Children should also have logins to access TTRocksters, Mathletics and Reading Plus at home, if you need new ones just let myself or Mrs Phillpott know.

If there are any queries about anything, We are pleased to help in any way possible.

Kind regards,

Miss Marsh

What are we learning about?

RE: Christmas and We listen to God's Word at Mass.

English: Riddles/Poetry

Maths : Number with focus on Multiplication and Division, Fractions and Problem solving. We will also look at Measurement; Money, Length and Perimeter.

Science: Rocks, Fossils and Soils.

Geography: The Rainforest.

ICT: iConnect.

PE: Dance and Gymnastics.

Art: Portraying relationships.

DT – Sandwich Snacks

French – Food Glorious Food

Special days / Dates:

Weekly Reminders

Monday: Spellings test

Wednesday and Thursday : PE days.

Tuesday after 1/2 term – Music

Friday: Homework sent home.

**Year 3 Class Mass:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

**Year 3 Class Assembly:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**Class Saint Day:** St Patrick Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Parent Workshops (Writing)** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Other information and dates will be given to when needed.

The class charity we are continuing to support is

Friends of the Earth – We will be doing some fundraising events during Lent for this charity

Values for Spring Term:

**Grateful and Generous**– before half term

**Grateful:** Being grateful for the blessings that we have in our lives.

**Generous:** Generous in sharing our gifts and talents with others.

Children as leaders

In Year 3 class the children have the opportunity to be:

Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie, part of the School Mission team and prayer leaders.

Children lead Prayer and Liturgy each week in their classrooms.

<p><b>Attentive</b> and <b>Discerning</b>- after half term</p> <p><b>Attentive:</b> Being attentive to God's call and being ready to follow His example.</p> <p><b>Discerning:</b> Making good choices and always trying to do the right thing.</p>	
<p><u>Catholic Social Teaching &amp; British values</u></p> <p>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>	<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>