

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back to school,

I hope you all had an enjoyable, well rested and blessed summer holidays. Firstly, on behalf of all staff, a big thank you for all the gifts and cards that were received before the holidays, it was incredibly generous and everyone was incredibly humbled and appreciated the gesture.

Here in Year 5, we endeavour to make it a learning journey that your child will never forget and one which will prepare each of them for the adventures of upper KS2. You can help your child along that path by hearing them read 10 minutes a day and/or using Readingplus on a regular basis. You can also help them to learn their spellings, times tables/Mathletics and complete homework.

PE kits need to stay in school all half-term. So, if you haven't yet, please send in a PE kit with your child as soon as possible. Homework must be returned latest Wednesday, it is essential homework is completed weekly.

Please also ensure spelling books are in every Monday. We are preparing children for Year 6 and KS3 so children will be expected to take responsibility of these resources.

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

Warm regards,

Miss C. Lyttle

What are we learning about?

Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Statistics and Multiplication and division.

English: Traditional tales from other cultures

Science: Forces in action

RE: Creation

History: The Shang Dynasty

Geography: Coasts

Art: Illusions

DT: Moving toys

Computing: Isafe

PE: Swimming and Health related exercise

French: Getting to know you

Special days / Dates:

17th September and 12th November- Year 5 Mass

Friday 15th November - Class Assembly

Year 5 Prayer Partner Gathering to Year 2- w/c 7th October

Maths Workshop- 2nd October

Play in a Day!- 27th November

Mondays: Spelling Test

Wednesdays: Homework in

Tuesdays: Guitar lesson – Please remember Guitars

Thursdays: Swimming

Fridays- PE

Fridays: Homework sent out

The class charity we have chosen to support

Birmingham Dogs Home

<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>Children as leaders</u></p> <p>In Year 5 class the children have the opportunity to be: Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie, part of the School Mission team, Digital leaders and prayer leaders.</p>
<p><u>Catholic Social Teaching & 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 & Participation, Dignity of Workers, Help for the Poor & Vulnerable, Human Dignity & Solidarity and how they link to British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect & 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>