

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part of St John Bosco Catholic Academy Company

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the usual cold start to the Spring Term! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday. Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many gifts and cards I received before Christmas. It was very kind and generous of you all and much appreciated.

As with the start of every new term, please ensure that children have a full PE kit in school. Please help us stay consistent with spellings, homework and reading outside of school hours. Children also need to make sure that they always have their reading books and diaries with them. As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Lyttle.

What are we learning about?

R.E.: The baptism of Jesus followed by the Parables.

English: Poetry with attitude and The lion, the witch and the Wardrobe.

Numeracy: Measurement, multiplication and division, Fractions and Decimals

Science: Materials and their properties

French: Food glorious food

Computing: Programming with use of Scratch

Topic: Saxons and Vikings & Extreme Earth

PE: Swimming and Gymnastics

DT and Art: Mechanisms and Landscapes.

Special days / Dates:

Monday: Spellings

Tuesday: Guitars continuing

Thursday: Swimming continuing till half term.

Friday: PE lesson

Invites will be sent for Parent workshops, assemblies and Mass.

The class charity we have chosen to support

Birmingham Dog's Home

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.

Attentive and Discerning— after half term

Attentive: Being attentive to God's call and being ready to follow His example.

Discerning: Making good choices and always trying to do the right thing.

Children as leaders

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, book monitors, librarians, Playground leaders and prayer leaders.

St Joseph's Way — See our website for more details

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)

Catholic Social Teaching & British values

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.

