

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays, we hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you for your kind gifts and cards that we received. Your support will be greatly appreciated in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time. This is important so your child has time to participate in morning tasks and settle into school especially as the KS2 National Tests are fast approaching. Your child has been given a home reading book. You can help your child by finding a quiet time to listen to them read for a maximum of about 10 minutes as often as possible. Please also help them to learn their times tables. Your help can make a big difference.

P.E. will be on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings, please could you ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit which is black shorts, a white T – shirt and pumps or trainers.

Homework will be given out once a week on Fridays which will be due back in on Monday/Tuesday.

Our class Saint is Saint Alphonsa (27th September).

As always, if you have any further questions about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Cheema

What are we learning about?

English: Text – Journey to the River Sea

Writing: Character profile, newspaper report, information text, letter, description and a recount.

Grammar: relative clauses, adverbs, commas, semi-colons, colons and building cohesion with paragraphs.

SAT's revision.

Maths: Multiplication, division, geometry, fractions, decimals, percentages, algebra and revision.

SAT's revision.

R.E. Christmas, Prayer, Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Special days / Dates

P.E. will be taught on Monday afternoons and Friday afternoons.

Spellings: To be tested on Mondays with new spellings being given out.

Homework: To be handed out on Friday and to be returned on Monday/Tuesday.

English Parent Workshop: Wednesday 22nd January & Thursday 23rd January

Brilliant In Britain Week: W/B 27th January

Science: Healthy Bodies – we will learn about food and diet in the past which has contributed to our knowledge of a balanced diet. We will learn about the different food groups, how water and nutrients are transported in the human body. We will also look at how the heart works and the circulatory system.

Evolution and Inheritance – To recognise that living things produce offspring but are not always identical. We will learn how plants and animals adapt to their environment.

Geography: South America – We will learn about the location and countries of South America. The children will understand about the weather and climate of the continent. They will learn about the human geography, and about trade and industry.

History: The Aztecs – The children will find out who the Aztecs were and what an advanced civilisation they were. They will learn how society was organised and their beliefs.

Art: Cityscapes – Children will learn about how to use Pop art techniques and layering to create a 3D cityscapes and be able to replicate cityscape photos using different mediums. They will explore how to create reflections of cityscapes on water and then finally be able to create their own using any media of choice.

DT: Shelters – Children will investigate a range of shelters. They will explore how to join and combine materials and components and find out how to reinforce structures. They will find suitable textiles for the purpose of making a shelter. Children will consider specific designs to construct a shelter.

Computing: | Network and | App Units

Music: Orchestra

French: Our school year & Family and friends

Values for Spring Term:

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

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

Parents Evening: Monday 10th February

Poetry Recital: Thursday 13th February

Half -Term: Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb

Whole School Retreat: Wednesday 19th March

Year 6 Mass: Tuesday 1st April

Mini-Reports: Monday 7th April

Lenten Service (In Church at 5pm): Monday 7th April

Year 6 Stations of the Cross Liturgy: Thursday 10th April (2.12pm)

End of Term: Thursday 10th April