

Nursery Newsletter Autumn 2 2024

Welcome back to Nursery at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy. I hope all the children have enjoyed their October half-term break.

The first half-term in Nursery was busy with the children learning new routines and establishing relationships. The adults in Nursery are all very proud of all children for their super start at school.

This newsletter will give you some information about some of the things we'll be getting up to between now and Christmas. It will also give you important things to remember.

Our topic this half-term is 'Starry Night.'



Mathematics

We will continue with sorting in Maths; they will learn to sort objects by colour, size and shape.

Next, the children will learn all about the number 1. We'll look at how 1 needs to be by itself and we can see 1 very quickly and show this with our fingers. Then, we'll match the numeral to the quantity.

All about the number 2 will follow.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to use circle time to encourage children to listen to others and to take turns to talk. We will talk about their bedtime routine and past events like Bonfire Night.

The children will be developing their confidence to perform in the Christmas nativity.

Physical Development

PE lessons will be on Mondays and Tuesdays to develop gross motor skills.

Please ensure earrings are removed before school on these days.

PE kits should be at school ready to be used, but we will begin by just changing into PE trainers.

Communication and Language

We will learn a new nursery rhyme each week. A copy will be sent home with your child, so that you can learn them at home too. We will be singing these this half-term:

5 Sausages

1 Finger, 1 Thumb

1, 2 Buckle my Shoe

2 Little Dickie Birds

Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

Understanding the World

We will begin to understand the festival of light called Diwali and we'll make Rangoli patterns. We will also talk about Bonfire Night and Christmas traditions. (I'm pleased to share that Santa will be visiting the nursery children at school - how exciting!)

We will talk about and understand day and night, including the animals that come out at night.



Literacy

Here's some of the texts we'll explore:

Owl Babies

Day Monkey Night Monkey

How to Catch a Star

We're Going on an Elf Hunt

Our traditional tale this half-term will be Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our weekly music session with Mrs Cliffe will focus on exploring sounds using voices, body percussion and instruments. We will also be rehearsing songs for the Christmas nativity.

The children will create owl pictures using a variety of materials to link with the story Owl Babies.

RE

In RE, we will talk about how families are a gift from God. The children will have the opportunity to talk about their family and how their family care for and look after them. (Thank you for the family photos.)

This will then lead on to who cares for us in the community and who helps us at school.

Items to Remember

Please ensure that your child arrives each day to Nursery with the following items:

- ◆ St. Joseph's blue book bag. A keyring on it is often useful to identify it.
- ◆ Filled water bottle containing just water
- ◆ Waterproof coat
- ◆ Lunch box (if needed)
- ◆ £1 snack money for the week.

The items below should stay in the Nursery:

- ◆ Spare uniform, pants and socks in a labelled carrier bag
- ◆ PE kit with black, velcro trainers. No earrings in on PE days please.
- ◆ Wellies

During the winter, please send your child to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves.

Will still have lots of children arriving at Nursery without names on belongings! Please put your child's name on everything!

Homework - Thank you for the super homework last half-term.

Your child's blue Learning Together Book should be returned each Wednesday with one of the tasks completed from the grid. Please also use Evidence Me to submit homework if you're able to. The children love to share their photos with their friends and it provides great opportunities for talking!

Nocturnal Wildlife Workshop

We are very excited to meet nocturnal animals during our workshop at school on Friday 6th December.

Please make sure you have paid via SCOPAY. Thank you



Dojo Points - You should now be able to see when your child is rewarded Dojo points using the Class Dojo app. Each day, we have a Dojo winner; this person receives a sticker and a note home.



How Can I Help my Child at Home?

- Sing the nursery rhyme of the week.
- Complete homework together weekly and return/upload each Wednesday.
- Share the family book (library book), talk about the pictures and record in the reading log.
- Talk, talk, talk!
- Count everything!
- Encourage your child to put on their own coat.

Questions or Queries?

If you have any questions or worries, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the nursery team. The best time is at the end of the school day, or alternatively you can contact the school office to book an appointment.

Dates to Remember

Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 12th Nov

Stay and Play

Parents are welcome into our nursery classroom for nursery rhyme activities.

Wednesday 13th Nov
2-3pm

Children in Need

Friday 15th Nov

Nursery Class Saint Liturgy

Nursery parents are invited into the classroom.

Friday 6th Dec 2.30pm

Nocturnal Wildlife Workshop for Nursery Children

Friday 6th Dec

Nursery and Reception Nativity

Tuesday 10th Dec 9.30am

and

Wednesday 11th Dec
2.15pm

Christmas Accessories Day

Children may come to school wearing Christmas clothes and/or accessories if they wish to do so.

Friday 13th Dec

Christmas Eve in School

Children may choose to come to school wearing pyjamas.

Tuesday 17th Dec

Carol Concert

Wednesday 18th Dec
1.45pm

Toy Day

Friday 20th Dec

Staff



Mrs Byrne
Teacher



Mrs Cunningham
Early Years
Teaching
Assistant



Mrs Robinson
Early Years
Teaching
Assistant



Miss Delves
Teacher