



# Reception Parents' Newsletter

Welcome to the start of a new year at St Joseph's Catholic Academy and a big welcome to parents old and new. We are looking forward to teaching your children this year and we have lots of exciting learning opportunities to support your child to flourish and grow.

This newsletter will give you more information about what is going on in the classroom and what the children will be learning between now and December.

Our topic for Autumn One is 'Super Me' and in Autumn Two is 'Festivals, Changes and Seasons', which will be taught through the Early Years Foundation Stage areas of learning: Religious Education, Communication and Language, Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Below are just some of the many activities that the children will be doing this term.

### Books we will learn through

The Colour Monster Goes to School  
Super Duper You  
Funny Bones  
Pumpkin Soup  
Rita and Samma  
The Leaf Thief  
The Snow Queen  
The Nativity Story

### Reading

We will learn how to blend.

We will learn the following phase 2 sounds.

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### Traditional Tales

The Ugly Duckling  
Cinderella

Our weekly topic areas  
will be as follows:

### Super Me

- All about Me
- Feelings and Emotions
- My Body
- Skeletons
- Healthy Eating

### Festivals, Changes and Seasons

- Bonfire Night (Guy Fawkes)
- Diwali
- Seasonal Change
- Autumn / Winter
- Weather
- Christmas



### Maths:

Knowing numbers to 5 - counting, one more one less, comparing amounts.  
Naming 2D and 3D shape.  
Addition and subtraction within 5  
Number bonds within 5



## Weekly Timetable

### Monday

-Whole School Celebration of the Word

### Tuesday

-Key Stage Celebration of the Word

### Wednesday

-Homework books collected in  
-P.E. (Mr Sigley or Miss Delves)

### Thursday

-Music  
-Mass (see communicator for dates)  
-PE (Mrs Buckley or Miss Delves)

### Friday

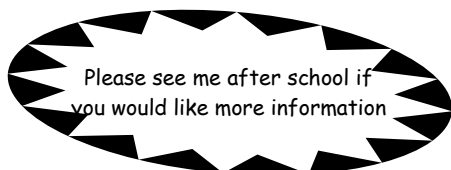
-Whole School celebration of our gifts  
-Homework books given out  
-Library slot (Library books to be returned & swapped)

## READING

Reading books and sound purses will be updated

## Staff in Reception

Mrs Buckley - Class teacher  
Miss Delves - Class teacher  
Mrs Bradley - Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Gilbert-Spencer - Teaching Assistant  
Miss Hogan - Teaching Assistant



## What can you do at home?



- It is so important to read with your child at home. We ask that you help your child with their reading book at least 4 times a week and sign their reading diary each time.
- Share the library books that we send home with your child. Read it to them and discuss the text; what happened, what they can see, make predictions about the next page, etc.
- Encourage your child to practice writing their name, forming letters (lowercase and capital), shopping lists, etc.
- Read books and visit the library together with your child to foster a love for reading.
- Support your child to count and recognise numbers in and around the environment.

## Evidence Me

Please ensure you have a log in for evidence me. Reasons why it is important.

- Staff will upload pictures of your child's learning.
- You will know what sound we are learning in phonics.
- You can share your child's progress with staff.
- It helps us get you know your child better

- Please label all items of clothes and shoes with your child's name; including hats and scarfs.
- No jewellery to be worn on PE days, including earrings. Full PE kit to be kept in school at all times (PE kits will be sent home half termly to be washed).
- **All children** in Reception are entitled to **Universal Free School Meals**, please encourage your child to try hot dinners. Please refer to the menu on the school website.
- Fruit, milk and water are provided throughout the day. Please bring £1 snack money into school each week.

**Thank you**