



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 (put two or three sounds together to say a word)

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 (two numbers that make 5)



Weekly Timetable

Monday- Miss Kiernan

-Whole School Celebration of the Word

Tuesday- Miss White

-Key Stage Celebration of the Word

Wednesday- Miss Kiernan

-Homework books collected in
-P.E.

Thursday- Miss Kiernan

-Music
-Mass (see communicator for dates)

Friday- Miss Kiernan

-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 once a week.

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.

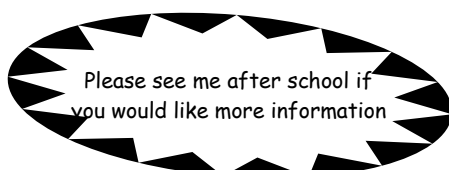
Staff in Reception

Miss Kiernan - Class teacher

Miss White - Class teacher

Mrs Bradley - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Robinson - Teaching Assistant



Evidence Me

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

- You can share your child's progress with staff.
- It helps us get you know your child better.

If you don't have access to this, please let us know so we can connect you.

- 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