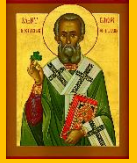





## Autumn 2 2023 – Newsletter

### Year 1 – St Patrick



<p>Core text for English</p> <p>Supplementary texts</p>	<p>In English, this term we will be reading a variety of texts to develop our language and storytelling. Our core books for the term are ‘Pumpkin Soup’ by Helen Cooper and ‘The Snowman’ by Raymond Briggs. We will also focus on the John Lewis advert “Bear and the Hare”.</p> <p>Throughout the term we will be continuing to develop our handwriting abilities and fine motor skills, using drama and role play to enhance our language and understanding of the texts. We will also be building our confidence in writing and applying the appropriate punctuation to our work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ‘The Snowman’ by Micheal Morpurgo</li><li>• ‘Jolly Christmas Postman’ by Allan Ahlberg</li></ul>
<p>English focus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using capital letters, finger spaces and phonetically decoding words.</li><li>• Reading our own sentences independently.</li><li>• Writing instructions.</li><li>• Using descriptive language.</li></ul>
<p>Phonics focus</p>	<p>This term we will be focusing on revisiting all Phase 2 ad 3. Phase 2 - <a href="https://youtu.be/-ZtjFlvA_fs?rel=0">https://youtu.be/-ZtjFlvA_fs?rel=0</a> Phase 3 - <a href="https://youtu.be/qDu3JAjf-U0?rel=0">https://youtu.be/qDu3JAjf-U0?rel=0</a></p> <p>We will then move onto Phase 4 from Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. Phase 4 includes reading words with short vowels and adjacent consonants e.g. frog, black. We will be reading longer words as well as words ending in suffixes including ing, ed and est. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more support on saying the letter sounds and how to write each letter.</p>
<p>Maths focus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Place Value:</b> Place value within 20.</li><li>• <b>Number:</b> Addition and subtraction within 20.</li><li>• <b>Geometry:</b> Properties of Shape.</li></ul>
<p>RE focus</p>	<p><b>Baptism:</b> Belonging Big Question: What does it mean to belong?</p> <p><b>Advent/Christmas:</b> Loving Big Question: Is waiting always difficult?</p>
<p>Faith in Action</p>	 <p><b>CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY</b></p> <p>We are holding a Christmas jumper day on Thursday 7th December, when staff and students are encouraged to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper or their own clothes in aid of</p>

	<p>the 'For Jimmy' charity in memory of teenager Jimmy Mizen who died in an unprovoked attack the day after his 16th birthday in 2008. Children will be asked to bring a £1.00 donation, to go to this worthy cause. Drawing strength from their Catholic faith, Mr. and Mrs Mizen have since worked tirelessly with young people across the country, sharing Jimmy's story with schools and the Catholic community, providing workshops on how to stay safe.</p>														
<p>Foundation subject topics - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE</p>	<p><b>History:</b> The Gunpowder Plot  <b>Science:</b> Everyday Materials and Seasons  <b>Computing:</b> We are Treasure Hunters (using programmable toys)  <b>PSHE:</b> Health and Wellbeing  <b>Music:</b> The Christmas Story - Christmas Carols  <b>Art:</b> Features Focus</p>														
<p>PE days (and kit expectations)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b> - please wear black jogging bottoms/leggings, a white round neck t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. Please wear your school jumper over the top of your PE kit.</p>														
<p>Ways to help at home</p>	<p><b>Please bring in book bags every day.</b> Books will be changed on <b>Monday</b> and <b>Thursday</b> with the reading books and signed record book. Please ensure you are reading with your child at home every evening for a minimum of ten minutes. Please log all reading in your child's reading record.</p> <p>Activities to do at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Practice letter sounds everyday</li> <li>● Share a book</li> <li>● Practice reading and writing the "tricky words"</li> <li>● Counting/recognising numbers</li> <li>● Encourage independent writing</li> <li>● Counting to and from 50.</li> <li>● Adding and subtracting two single digit numbers</li> <li>● Using household items to count and make groups such as pasta, socks etc.</li> <li>● Playing dice games such as Ludo to help with number recognition.</li> </ul> <p>Homework will be given out every Friday and will also be uploaded onto Google Classroom weekly. To log into Google Classroom, use your child's unique username followed by <b>@stjosephsgsuite.co.uk</b> and their unique password. Year 1 class is referred to as 'St Patrick' class. Homework must be returned on Wednesdays.</p> <p>It is essential that you practise phonics with your children regularly to continue to develop their reading ability and understanding of language.</p>														
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<b>Thursday 23rd November 2023</b>	<b>9am &amp; 5pm Y6 SATs Meeting</b>
Friday 24th November 2023	All Day Own clothes day
Tuesday 28th November 2023	Parents Evening
Thursday 30th November 2023	Parents Reading
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<b>December – Advent</b>	
Monday 4th December 2023	Tree Lighting
Thursday 7th December 2023	All Day Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 11th December 2023	Christmas Discos
Tuesday 12th December 2023	9.15am EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 13th December 2023	2pm KS2 Nativity – Church
Friday 15th December 2023	3.30pm – 5pm Christmas Fair
Tuesday 19th December 2023	3.30pm – 5pm St Joseph's Talent Show
Thursday 21st December 2023	Class Parties
Thursday 21st December 2023	2pm Finish

**Additional information**

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

If you have any questions, I have put the school support email address below

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