



Autumn 2 2023 – Newsletter Year 5 – St Clare of Assisi



Core text for English	Beowulf- Michael Morpurgo
Supplementary texts	Whole Class Reading Text- The Explorer- Katherine Rundell
English focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immersion in the text• Write a character description• Write their own chapter• Write an advert• Write a newspaper article• Write an eyewitness account
Grammar focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nouns• Verbs• Kennings• Adjectives• Pronouns• Clauses• Tenses• Reported speech• Synonyms• Contractions
Maths focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fractions• Perimeter and Area• Statistics
RE focus	<p>Topic: Baptism/ confirmation – belonging Key question: Is commitment important?</p> <p>Topic: Advent / Christmas - loving Key question: What's so special about gifts?</p>
Faith in Action	



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

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 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.

Foundation subject topics - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE

History– The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons
Science – Properties and changes of materials
Music- Christmas production
PSHCE/RSE – Living in the Wider World
Physical Education - Gymnastics
MFL – At the Cafe
Art- Amazon rainforest
Computing- We are game developers

PE days (and kit expectations)

Your child's PE days will be on Wednesday and Friday. Your child should wear their PE kit to school, with their school jumper on top. The PE kit should consist of a white t-shirt, navy or black bottoms and plimsoles/trainers. The school has to teach the National Curriculum and PE is a vital element of this. Participating regularly in physical activity is important to develop habits for a healthy adult life.

Ways to help at home

Please listen to your child read regularly and discuss the text they are reading. As their books become more complex it is even more important they have the chance to discuss them with an adult. Please sign the reading record book and make a comment. Please encourage your child to learn their 'spelling words,' a few minutes practice each day can make a big difference.

By summer Year 5 your child is expected to have mastered their times tables but they need regular practice to retain the information. Your child will have their own account and password for 'Times Tables Rockstars'. It is important that they are able to recall number facts at speed to aid them with their daily maths work. If they are not yet confident this is a vital area to work on with them.

	<p>Encourage your child to write at home, stories and letters or maybe they could keep a diary. Continue to borrow books of interest from the school and public library to find out all they can on this term's topics. You could also play a range of maths based games, such as Yahtzee or any games that involve using a dice. Discuss the rules and strategies that you use, explaining to your child what you are doing and why.</p>	
<p>Key dates</p>	<p>Wednesday 1st November 2023</p> <p>Monday 6th November 2023</p> <p>Friday 10th November 2023</p> <p>Monday 13th November 2023 Day</p> <p>Monday 13th November 2023</p> <p>Monday 13th November 2023</p> <p>Monday 13th November 2023</p> <p>Friday 17th November 2023</p> <p>Monday 20th November 2023</p> <p>Thursday 23rd November 2023</p> <p>Friday 24th November 2023</p> <p>Tuesday 28th November 2023</p> <p>Thursday 30th November 2023</p> <p>Thursday 30th November 2023</p> <p>December – Advent</p> <p>Monday 4th December 2023</p> <p>Thursday 7th December 2023 Christmas Dinner Day</p> <p>Monday 11th December 2023</p> <p>Tuesday 12th December 2023</p> <p>Wednesday 13th December 2023</p> <p>Friday 15th December 2023</p>	<p>All Saints Day</p> <p>UK Parliament Week</p> <p>Remembrance Day Assembly</p> <p>Anti bullying Week & Odd Socks</p> <p>Maths Week</p> <p>Interfaith Week</p> <p>Road Safety Week</p> <p>All Day Children in Need</p> <p>World Children's day</p> <p>9am & 5pm Y6 SATs Meeting</p> <p>All Day Own clothes day</p> <p>Parents Evening</p> <p>Parents Reading</p> <p>Parents Evening</p> <p>Tree Lighting</p> <p>All Day Christmas Jumper Day &</p> <p>Christmas Discos</p> <p>9.15am EYFS/KS1 Nativity</p> <p>2pm KS2 Nativity – Church</p> <p>3.30pm – 5pm Christmas Fair</p>

	Tuesday 19th December 2023 3.30pm – 5pm St Joseph’s Talent Show
	Thursday 21st December 2023 Class Parties
	Thursday 21st December 2023 2pm Finish
	Tuesday 12th December 2023 EYFS/KS1 Nativity EYFS/KS1 Parents
	Thursday 14th December 2023 Parents Reading KS2
	Thursday 14th December 2023 KS2 Nativity – Church All Welcome
	Friday 15th December 2023 Christmas Fair All Welcome
	Tuesday 19th December 2023 St Joseph’s Talent Show Pre booked Tickets and participants
	Thursday 21st December 2023 Class Parties
	Thursday 21st December 2023 Last day of Autumn Term 2pm finish
Additional information	<p>Homework will be given out on Friday and should be given back to be marked as a class by the following Wednesday.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support with your child’s learning.</p> <p>If you have any questions, the school support email address is below</p> <p>School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk</p>



Miss Lopez



Mrs McMahon