




Autumn 2 2023 – Newsletter

Reception - St Anthony

Theme	Let's Celebrate!
Topics we are covering this term:	Traditional tales Religious festivals Personal celebrations
Core text for English	1. Binny's Diwali 2. Birthday: How many sleeps? – Amber Stewart 3. Kipper's Birthday – Mick Inkpen & The Blue Balloon – Mick Inkpen 4. Party: Prince Cinders – Babette Cole 5. Wedding: Scarecrow's Wedding, Stick Man – Julia Donaldson / 6. Letters to Father Christmas: Mog's Christmas. Dear Father Christmas Alan Durant. Postman – Janet & Allan Ahlberg 7. The Christmas Story
Supplementary texts	Additional Texts: Non-fiction celebrations Stories linked to Christmas - T'was the night before Christmas The story of Rama and Sita The Lonely Firefly – Eric Carle Spot's birthday Eric Hill Cinderella Masie Goes to a wedding
English focus	Each week we will focus on a different book listed above. <u>Our learning focus will include:</u> To remember and talk about stories they have heard and read. To explore pattern shapes and show a preference for a dominant hand when drawing and writing. To be able to form recognisable letters in their own name. To begin recognising initial sounds when reading and writing. To develop independent writing – letters, lists. Phase 2 Daily phonic sessions. Pattern writing (handwriting). Matching initial sounds with words/pictures.
Phonics focus	Following our Little Wandle Phonics Scheme we will be continuing to teach Phonics daily. Little Wandle Links: https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/ Phase 2 ff ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng n words with –s /s/ added at the end (hats sits) words ending in s /z/ (his) and with –s /z/ added at the end (bags sings) Tricky Words put* pull* full* as and has his her go no to into she push* he of we me be (whiteboards on the carpet)
Maths focus	Each week we will focus on a different aspect of Maths: Matching, sorting and comparing objects Compare size, mass and capacity Copy and create simple patterns Representing, comparing and composition of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Looking at 2D shapes One more/one less

	Time – sequencing, day and night						
RE focus							
Faith in Action	 <p>CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY</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 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>						
7 Areas (Early Learning Goals)	<p>We will be continuing to explore the 7 areas within the Early Learning Goals</p> <p>Understanding the World Communication and Language Personal, Social and Emotional Development Physical Development Expressive Arts and Design Literacy (See above) Mathematics (See above)</p>						
PE days (and kit expectations)	<p>Every Wednesday Every Tuesday</p> <p>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>						
Ways to help at home	<p>Please bring in book bags every Monday and Thursday with the reading books and signed record book.</p> <p>Share reading books and talk about key events in the story. Predict what will happen next or at the end of the story.</p> <p>Encourage children to create their own stories using their toys.</p> <p>Sing songs/rhymes.</p> <p>Sort objects into groups. Count objects.</p> <p>Children will have their own Google Classroom login where activities will be set each week (login details to follow).</p>						
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Monday 13th November 2023	Anti bullying Week & Odd Socks Day
Monday 13th November 2023	Maths Week
Monday 13th November 2023	Interfaith Week
Monday 13th November 2023	Road Safety Week
Friday 17th November 2023	All Day Children in Need
Monday 20th November 2023	World Children's day
Thursday 23rd November 2023	9am & 5pm Y6 SATs Meeting
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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December – Advent	
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

I am looking forward to working with you and your child to ensure they have the best introduction to their Learning Journey at St Joseph's and know that they will have a great learning experience in Reception.

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

School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk

Reception Team



**Miss Kavanagh
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**Miss Wilson
Teaching Assistant
All Week**



**Miss Braybrooke
Teaching Assistant
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**Miss Williams
Teaching Assistant
Thurs-Fri**