



ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA CLASS NEWSLETTER



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Autumn 1

Core text for English

In English, this term we will begin the term by researching our class saint, 'St Teresa of Calcutta' and read a variety of texts to develop our language and storytelling. Our core text for this half term is 'Inside The Villains,' by Coltide Perrin. It is a truly exquisite, oversized, lift the flap book that delves into the secrets and tricks of well-known fairy tale villains such as The Wolf, the Giant and the Witch.

Supplementary texts

Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti Book by Gerald McDermott.

English focus

- Finger spaces, full stops and capital letters
- Statement and question sentences
- Understanding word groups - nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs
- Using noun phrases - adjective + noun
- Similies

Phonics focus

Daily Phonics **and** Reading practice sessions.

This term, we will be revisiting Phase 5 sounds and word cards from the Little Wandle's Letter and Sounds programme. Any gaps in the children's knowledge will be followed up with an intervention using Daily Catch-up.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk>

Please see the following link for parent support at home;



<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

We teach children to read through reading practice sessions three times a week. These are taught by a fully trained adult to small groups of approximately six children. We use books matched to the children's secure phonic knowledge using the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* assessments and book matching grids on pages 11–20 of 'Application of phonics to reading'. The decodable reading practice book is taken home after the third reading session to ensure success is shared with the family. Please bring reading records and levelled books everyday.

Maths focus

Number Place Value

- Read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones)
- Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line
- Compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use <, > and = signs
- Partition any two-digit number into different combinations of tens and ones, explaining their thinking verbally, in pictures or using apparatus

	<p>Measures Height & Length</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm) to the nearest appropriate unit using rulers. Compare and order lengths and record the results using >, < and =.
<p>RE focus</p>	<p>Domestic Church: Family Big Question: What are new beginnings?</p> <p>Baptism: Belonging</p>
<p>Faith in Action</p>	<p>MacMillan Coffee morning – Parents are invited to come into school and share tea and cake. Cake bake competition. Cake sale to be held after school.</p>   <p>CAFOD – Go Green Harvest Festival-children will donate food to give to the food banks in our local community.</p>
<p>Foundation subject topics</p>	<p>Geography: We are Weather Watchers! Science: Animals Including Humans Computing: We Are Astronauts PSHE: The UNCRC and Rights Respecting School Relationships Art: Painting and Texture Music: creating a soundtrack</p>
<p>PE days (and kit expectations)</p>	<p>Wednesday & Thursday - please wear black or navy 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>Please bring in book bags every day. Books will be changed on Thursdays 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities to do at home: Practice letter sounds everyday Phonics games https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2/picnic-on-pluto Share a book Practice reading and writing the “tricky words” Counting/recognising numbers Encourage independent writing Counting to and from 100. Adding and subtracting two digit numbers Using household items to count and make groups such as pasta, socks etc. Playing dice games such as Ludo to help with number recognition. <p>Homework will be given out every Friday. Sometimes documents will be added onto Google Classroom. To log into Google Classroom, use your child’s unique username followed by @stjosephsgsuite.co.uk and their unique password. Year 2 class is referred to as ‘St Teresa of Calcutta’ 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. Please visit the Little Wandle website for activities.</p>
<p>Key dates</p>	<p>For the full list of dates, please see website – or click here.</p>
<p>Additional information</p>	<p>We are looking forward to working with you and your child to ensure they have a great learning experience in Year 2.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.</p> <p>School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk</p>