



ST THERESE DE LISIEUX

CLASS NEWSLETTER



ASPIRATION | COMMUNITY | FAITH | COMPASSION | RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY

Autumn 1

Core text for English

Ice Palace by Robert Swindells

Supplementary texts

Stone Age Boy

English focus

- Immersion in text and setting analysis.
- Development of character. Drama and role-play.
- Plan/draft and edit poetry from a character perspective.

Grammar focus

- Determiners
- Synonyms for 'said'
- Fronted adverbials of time
- Writing in first person
- Commas in lists
- Identifying verbs (present and past tense)
- Apostrophes for (singular) possession
- Correct use of 'a' and 'an'
- Organisational devices (headings, subheadings)
- Paragraphs
- Expanded nouns phrases
- Homophones
- Adjectives; shades of meaning

Maths focus

Place Value - Read and write numbers to at least 1000 in numerals and in words. Recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digit number (hundreds, tens and ones). Partition numbers in different ways. Compare and order numbers up to 1000.



Addition and subtraction - Mental calculations. formal written method, solving number problems

Multiplication and division – recall and use facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

RE focus

Home – Domestic Church – Family.
The Big Question – What makes a house a home?

Promises – Baptism – Belonging.
The Big Question – Why make promises?

<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>Art: Stone Age art. Using chalks and pastels. PSHE: Health and wellbeing. History: The Stone Age. Science: Rocks and Soils Computing: Online Safety. Music: Symphony No.5- Beethoven (BBC Ten Pieces) MFL: Introduction to Spanish</p>
<p>PE days (and kit expectations)</p>	<p>Your child’s PE day will be on a Tuesday and Friday (outdoor, weather permitting). 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 plimsolls/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.</p>
<p>Ways to help at home</p>	<p>Please listen to your child read every day 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.</p> <p>Your child has 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> <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>For the full list of dates, please see website – or click here.</p>
<p>Additional information</p>	<p>If you have any questions, the school support email address is below</p> <p>School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk</p>