



# ST PATRICK CLASS NEWSLETTER



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## Autumn 1

### Core text for English

In English, this term we will research our class saint 'St Patrick' and read a variety of texts to develop our language and storytelling. Our core book for the term is 'Wild' by Emily Hughes. Throughout the term we will be developing 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.

### Supplementary texts

Where the Wild Things Are  
Whatever Next!

### English focus

- Using capital letters, finger spaces and phonetically decoding words.
- Reading our own sentences independently.
- Character description.

### Phonics focus

This term we will be focusing on revisiting all Phase 2 and 3.

Phase 2 - <https://youtu.be/-ZtjFlVA fs?rel=0>

Phase 3 - <https://youtu.be/qDu3JAjf-U0?rel=0>

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 [here](#) for more support on saying the letter sounds and how to write each letter.

### Maths focus

**Place Value:** Place value within 10.

**Number:** Addition and subtraction within 10.

**Measurement:** Length and Height.

### RE focus

**Domestic Church:** Family

Big Question: Why do we have a family and who is my family?

For our topic please send in a photo of your family or add to Google classroom for us to add to our class display. Many thanks.

**Baptism:** Belonging

Big Question: What does it mean to belong?

### Faith in Action

**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.





**CAFOD** – Go Green Harvest Festival-children will donate food to give to the food banks in our local community.

Foundation subject topics -

**Geography:** Our Local Area  
**Science:** Everyday materials and Seasons  
**Computing:** We are Painters  
**PSHE:** Respect and Relationships  
**Music:** Toys – Toy Story Music  
**Art:** Sticks and Spirals

PE days (and kit expectations)

**Tuesday & Wednesday** - 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.

Ways to help at home

**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.

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 50.
- Adding and subtracting two single 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.

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 1 class is referred to as 'St Patrick' class. Homework must be returned on Wednesdays.

It is essential that you practise phonics with your children regularly to continue to develop their reading ability and understanding of language.

Key dates

For the full list of dates, please see website – or click [here](#).

Additional information

We are looking forward to working with you and your child to ensure they have a great learning experience in year 1.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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