
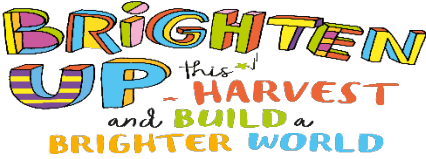




Autumn 1 2023 – Newsletter Year 2 – St Theresa of Calcutta



Core text for English Supplementary texts	<p>Throughout this half term, our core text is “Inside The Villians” by Coltide Perrin. This is a marvellous book which delves into the secret lives of well-known fairy tale villains such as ‘The Wolf’ or ‘The Giant’.</p> <p>We will also be exploring a Dahl Poem - Red Riding Hood.</p>
English focus	<p>Creative Writing</p> <p>As a class, we will be developing our imagination and vocabulary and grammar skills through drama and role play.</p> <p>Our writing outcomes will be a fact file, wanted poster, a retell of a traditional tail with a twist and an additional stanza for a Roahl Dahl poem.</p>
Phonics focus	<p>Daily Phonics and Reading practice sessions.</p> <p>This term we will be starting our Phase 5 review Year 2 programme from the Little Wandle’s Letter and Sounds and using Rapid Catch-up for any gaps in their knowledge.</p> <p>https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk</p> <p>Please see the following link for parent support at home; https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</p> <p>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 <i>Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised</i> 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.</p>
Maths focus	<p>Number Place Value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 =.
RE focus	<p>Domestic Church: Family The Big Question: Who made the world and everything in it?</p> <p>Baptism/ Confirmation: Belonging The Big Question: Are signs and symbols important?</p>

<p>Faith in Action</p>	<p>MacMillan Coffee morning – Friday 29th September. 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 - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE</p>	<p>History: The Great Fire of London 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>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.</p>
<p>Ways to help at home</p>	<p>Please bring in book bags every day. Books will be changed on Monday and Wednesday 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> <p>Please bring reading records every day.</p> <p>Activities that you could do at home:</p> <p>Play games that use dice, such as Ludo, monopoly etc. to help develop maths skills. Scrabble is a fun game to play, and helps develop spelling. Reading non-fiction books linked to your child’s interests to expand their knowledge.</p> <p>Homework will be given out every Friday and will also be uploaded onto Google Classroom weekly. 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.</p>
<p>Key dates</p>	<p>See below & website</p>
<p>Additional information</p>	<p>We are both excited to be working with you and your child to ensure they have a great learning experience in year 2.</p> <p>If you have any questions, I have put the school support email address below;</p> <p>School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk</p>

Year 2 team



Miss Holmes



Miss Pilard



Miss Ehikwe



Miss Clark



Mrs Bird



Mrs Howard



St Joseph's

Autumn 2023 Dates

September 2023			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 20 th September 2023		National Fitness Day	
Thursday 21 st September 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Tuesday 26 th September 2023	9am – 10am	Open Morning	All Welcome – Pre booked only
Thursday 28 th September 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2 Parents
Friday 29 th September 2023	9am	Mayor visit & Macmillan Coffee morning	All Year groups – Parents Welcome
October 2023 – Black History Month			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Monday 2 nd October 2023	9am	Assembly Introduction to Black History Month	All Year groups
Monday 2 nd October 2023	11.30am – 12.15pm	Grandparents Day Lunch	See separate letter – Pre booked only
Thursday 5 th October 2023		World Teacher Day	
Thursday 5 th October 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Friday 6 th October 2023		School photos	All Year groups
Friday 6 th October 2023	2.30pm Assembly	CAFOD Harvest Day	All Year groups – Parents Welcome
Monday 9 th October 2023	9am Assembly	Month of the Rosary	All Year groups – Parents Welcome
Tuesday 10 th October		World Mental Health Day	
Tuesday 10 th October		World Homeless Day	
Thursday 12 th October 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2
Thursday 12 th October 2023	5pm – 7pm	Quiz Night	All Welcome
Monday 16 th October 2023	3.20pm	Black History Month Exhibition	All Welcome
Thursday 19 th October 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Thursday 19 th October 2023	2pm -3pm	Open Afternoon	All Welcome – Pre booked only
Thursday 19 th October 2023	All Day – World Clothing 3.30pm 5pm – World Food	St Joseph's World Food Day	Whole School
Friday 20 th October 2023	All Day	Inset Day	All Year Groups
23 rd Oct – 27 th Oct 2023	All Week	Half Term	All Year Groups
November			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 1 st November 2023		All Saints Day	
Thursday 2 nd November 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2
Monday 6 th November 2023		UK Parliament Week	

Tuesday 7 th November 2023	8.45am – 9.30am	Tea and Talk	All Year groups – Parents Welcome
Tuesday 7 th November 2023	9.00 am – 10.00am	Phonics Workshop	EYFS and KS1 Parents
Thursday 9 th November 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Thursday 9 th November 2023	5pm – 6pm	Open Afternoon	All Welcome – Pre booked only
Friday 10 th November 2023	9am	Remembrance Day Assembly	All Year groups – Parents Welcome
Monday 13 th November 2023		Anti bullying Week & Odd Socks Day	All Year groups
Monday 13 th November 2023		Maths Week	
Monday 13 th November 2023		Interfaith Week	
Monday 13 th November 2023		Road Safety Week	
Thursday 16 th November 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2
Friday 17 th November 2023	All Day	Children in Need – Wear Yellow or Dots (Own clothes day)	All Year groups
Monday 20 th November 2023		World Children’s day	
Thursday 23 rd November 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Friday 24 th November 2023	All Day	Own clothes day – Bring a bottle for Christmas fair	All Year groups
Tuesday 28 th November 2023	3.30pm – 5.30pm	Parents Evening	Booked Appointments only
Thursday 30 th November 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2
Thursday 30 th November 2023	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents Evening	Booked Appointments only

All Christmas activity dates and times are provisional and may change. We will let you know of any changes nearer the time.

December – Advent			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Monday 4 th December 2023	3pm	Tree Lighting	All Year Groups
Tuesday 5 th December 2023	9am – 10am	Open Morning	All Welcome – Pre booked only
Thursday 7 th December 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Friday 8 th December 2023	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day	All Year groups
Friday 8 th December 2023	3.30pm – 5pm	Christmas Fair	All Welcome
Monday 11 th December 2023		Human Rights Day	
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	9.15am	EYFS/KS1 Nativity	EYFS/KS1 Parents
Thursday 14 th December 2023	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2
Thursday 14 th December 2023	2pm	KS2 Nativity – Church	All Welcome
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	3.30pm – 5pm	St Joseph’s Talent Show	Pre booked Tickets and participants
Thursday 21 st December 2023		Class Parties	
Thursday 21st December 2023	2pm Finish	Last day of Autumn Term	All Year groups

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024