



Spring 1 2024 – Newsletter Year 1 – St Patrick



Core text for English	<p>In English, this term we will be reading a variety of texts to develop our language and storytelling. Our core books for the term are 'Little Red' by Bethan Woollvin and 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket.</p> <p>Throughout the term we will be continuing to develop our handwriting abilities and fine motor skills. We will use 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.</p>
Supplementary texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson
English focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using capital letters, finger spaces and phonetically decoding words.• Reading our own sentences independently.• Retell a story• Write a poem
Phonics focus	<p>This term we will be focusing on revisiting all Phase 2 ad 3. Phase 2 - https://youtu.be/-ZtjFlvA fs?rel=0 Phase 3 - https://youtu.be/qDu3JAjf-U0?rel=0</p> <p>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.</p>
Maths focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geometry: Properties of Shape.• Time: Sequence events in chronological order using language.• Multiplication and Division: Count in multiples of twos, fives and tens.
RE focus	<p>Local Church: Community Big Question: What makes a person special?</p>
Faith in Action	

	<p>NSPCC Number Day 2024, on this day the children and wider school community will come together to participate in various math-related activities and raise funds to support the NSPCC's crucial work.</p>
<p>Foundation subject topics - Geography, Science, Computing, Music and PSHE</p>	<p>Geography: The UK – countries, cities, towns and villages Science: Animals including Humans and Seasons Computing: We are Collectors (finding illustrations using the web) PSHE: Living in the wider world - money Music: Gospel music – Christianity Art: Fabulous Flower</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 Thursday 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>Activities to do at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Practice letter sounds everyday ● 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. <p>Homework will be given out every Friday and will be added to the homework book. Sometimes important information will be added 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 1 class is referred to as ‘St Patrick’ 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>Thank you for your continued support with your child’s learning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you have any questions, I have put the school support email address below</p> <p>School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk</p>



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Miss Ashley-Yates



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