





## Spring 1 2023 – Newsletter Year 1 – St Patrick



<p>Core text for English</p> <p>Supplementary texts</p>	<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 Woolvin and Lemony Snicket’s ‘The Dark’.</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> <p><u>Supplementary texts:</u> The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark</p>	  
English focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using capital letters, finger spaces and phonetically decoding words.</li> </ul> <p>Writing and reading tricky words independently.</p>	
Phonics focus	<p>Following the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised scheme we will continue to focus on Phase 5 but will also be revising Phase 3 and 4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group reading will continue three times a week with the decodable book coming home towards the end of the week.</li> </ul>	
Maths focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Number and place value within 50.</b></li> <li><b>Money</b></li> <li><b>Time</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Multiplication and Division - 2s, 5s and 10s and understanding sharing</b></p>	
RE focus	Local Church – Community: We will be looking at special people.	
Faith in Action	<p><b><u>Friday 3rd February</u></b></p> <p>The money you raise could help the NSPCC run its Speak out Stay safe programme to know what to do if they're scared or worried, help children understand what abuse is and what to do if they're scared or worried.</p>	
Foundation subject topics - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE	<p><b>History:</b> The Gunpowder Plot</p> <p><b>Science:</b> Animals including humans. Seasonal Changes – focusing on Spring.</p> <p><b>PSHE:</b> Living in the wider world - money</p> <p><b>Music:</b> Gospel music – Christianity</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Fabulous Flowers</p> <p><b>PE:</b> Loopy Lou and games (Tuesday and Friday)</p>	
PE days (and kit expectations)	<p><b>Tuesday &amp; Friday</b> - 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. PE on a Friday may take place outside, please dress appropriately (coats can be worn).</p>	
Ways to help at home	<p>Please bring in book bags everyday 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 by putting a comment or your signature to keep us informed of any reading accomplishments that have happened at home. Sharing books can be changed daily. The decodable book will be sent home on a Thursday or Friday.</p>	

**Activities that you could do at home:**

- Practice letter sounds everyday
- Counting/recognising numbers
- Encourage independent writing – writing sentences, stories etc
- Focus on letter formation.
- 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.
- For science make an animal fact file.

**Homework:**

All homework will be set via Google Classroom weekly. To log into Google Classroom you use your child's unique username followed by **@stjosephsgsuite.co.uk** and their unique password. Year 1 class is referred to as 'St Patricks' class.

**Key dates**

16<sup>th</sup> January Dr Martin Luther King Day  
20<sup>th</sup> January INSET Day – school closed to all pupils  
2<sup>nd</sup> February Year 3 trip to Maritime Museum  
3<sup>rd</sup> February NSPCC Numbers Day (Maths)

**Additional information**

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.  
Please do get in touch via telephone or email if you have any concerns or queries about your child's learning and school life.

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