



Spring 2 2023 – Newsletter Year 1 – St Patricks



<p>Core text for English</p> <p>Supplementary texts</p>	<p>In English this term we will be looking at information texts and creating our own fact file about Polar Bears. We will read the story Leaf by Sandra Dieckman. We will be contrasting habitats and identifying why Leaf needs to live in a polar region.</p> <p>We will be reading Nana’s Garden by Dawn Casey. We will be writing descriptions of the garden and the changing seasons.</p> <p>We will continue our work on poetry by reading Robert Louis Stevenson’s “Bed in Summer” and adapting for modern day life.</p>	 
<p>English focus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using capital letters, finger spaces and phonetically decoding words. • Writing and reading tricky words independently. • Writing non-fiction texts • Focussing on rhyming words and writing poetry. 	
<p>Phonics focus</p>	<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> <p>Group reading will continue three times a week with the decodable book coming home towards the end of the week.</p>	
<p>Maths focus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fractions of a shape and quantity – recognise find and name a half and a quarter of an object, shape or quantity. • Geometry Position and Direction – describe position and direction, describe movement including whole, half and quarter. • Addition and Subtraction within 20 – number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. 	
<p>RE focus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eucahrist – Relating: We will learn about special meals for families and the Last Supper. • Lent/Easter – Giving: We will learn about Lent; a time of change in preparation of Easter. We will learn about the Easter story including the Stations of the Cross. 	
<p>Faith in Action</p>		<p>This Lent CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they’ve asked for to fight the climate crisis. The children of St Joseph’s will be doing a sponsored walk to raise money for CAFOD and the ‘Big Lent Walk’.</p>
<p>Foundation subject topics - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE</p>	<p>Geography: The UK: countries, cities, villages, towns and coastal areas</p> <p>Science: Animals including humans. Seasonal Changes – focusing on Spring.</p> <p>PSHE: Relationships</p> <p>Music: Sea Shanties</p> <p>DT: Making our own toy and cooking linked to Computing</p> <p>Computing: TV Chefs (creating our own cooking show)</p> <p>PE: Loopy Lou and games (Tuesday and Friday)</p>	
<p>PE days (and kit expectations)</p>	<p>Tuesday & Friday - 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

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.

Activities that you could do at home:

- Practice letter sounds everyday
- Read real and nonsense/alien words with sounds we have learnt
- 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.
- Telling the time to the hour.
- Counting and recognising coins
- Playing dice games such as Ludo to help with number recognition.

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

Wednesday 8th March – International Woman's Day.
Thursday 9th March – World Book Day.
Thursday 9th March – SEN Coffee Morning.
Friday 10th March – British Science Week begins.
Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day.
Sunday 19th March – Mother's Day
Monday 27th March – Walk for Lent – Sponsored Walk – Greenwich Park.
Wednesday 29th March – Easter Bonnet Parade.
Wednesday 29th March - Easter Unwrapped - CRIBS Easter Play
Thursday 30th March – Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 31st March – End of Term

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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