




Spring 2 2023 – Newsletter Year 2 – St Teresa of Calcutta



Core text for English	Throughout this term, the core text we will be focusing on is 'Tin Forest' by Helen Ward and 'The Climbers' by Ali Standish
Supplementary texts	'The Invisible' by Tom Percival
English focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A diary entry• Descriptive poem• Explore concepts
Phonics focus	<p>This term we will be focusing on revisiting all sounds. Little Wandle and Letter and Sounds https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk</p> <p>Please see the following videos for pronunciation videos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase 2 - https://youtu.be/-ZtjFlVA fs?rel=0• Phase 3 - https://youtu.be/qDu3JAjf-U0?rel=0
Maths focus	<p>Statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables• Ask and answer simple questions by counting the number of objects in each category and sorting the categories by quantity <p>Geometry: position and direction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement, <i>including movement in a straight line and distinguishing between rotation as a turn and in terms of right angles for quarter, half and three-quarter turns (clockwise and anti-clockwise)</i> <p>Problem Solving: Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recall and use number bonds for multiples of 5 totalling 60 (to support telling time to nearest 5 minutes)• Compare and sequence intervals of time• Solve simple problems in a practical context.
RE focus	<p>Eucharist: Relating Big Question: Why should we be grateful people?</p> <p>Lent/Easter: Giving Big Question: How does each day offer opportunities for good?</p>

Faith in Action		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'.
Foundation subject topics - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE	<p>Geography: Mountain, River and Coast Science: Uses of Everyday Materials Computing: Creativity- We Are Photographers PSHE: Health and Wellbeing, keep safe; recognising risk; rules DT: Food and Nutrition Music: Notation/ Symbols used in Music</p>	
PE days (and kit expectations)	<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>	
Ways to help at home	<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>	
Key dates	<p>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 – 2pm</p>	
Additional information	<p>I am looking forward to 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 School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk</p>	

Year 2 Team



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