

## Joseph Class Curriculum Letter



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you had a restful half term break. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum content your child will be studying in the summer term in Joseph Class.

### **English and Maths**

As I am sure you are aware, your child takes part in English and Maths lessons every day. To assist your child in their development in both these curriculum areas, please give them support and encouragement in reading and practising their times tables **every day**. In addition to this, please encourage your child to use their log in to log in to the 'Mathletics' online maths revision programme at home where they can complete activities assigned myself linked to the curriculum content we have been studying.

To help improve your child's reading and comprehension skills, please ensure you listen to them reading **aloud**, making sure they are reading with expression and paying attention to punctuation. Please question them on the text that they are reading **daily**. Responses to texts should be made in your child's reading journal on a **weekly** basis, along with any comments you may have about their reading. Your child should be reading for at least 20 minutes daily at home.

Please also support your child with any homework that they receive to consolidate their learning in these subjects by monitoring their progress in completing their work and ensuring that it is returned to school at the correct time.

### **Science**

This half term your child will be developing their scientific enquiry skills through a range of different investigations. Your child will have the opportunity to plan their own enquires, collect and analyse data, draw scientific conclusions and plan scientific questions for further enquiry.

### **RE**

This half term your child will be studying the topics of Choices and Special Places.

Through studying the topic "Choices" your child learn that all choices have consequences for themselves and others and that it is important to examine your conscience to before making a decision; we will also learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the importance of saying sorry for the things we have done wrong to others and to God.

Your child will explore the "special places" that are important to the Christian community; places where people gather for prayer and worship; places are holy because of their association with Jesus or holy people such as places of pilgrimage.

### **Geography**

In geography this half term, your child will learn all about Colombia. They will learn about its location in South America, its capital city and any neighbouring countries or oceans. Your child will explore more about the human geography of Colombia where they will research which energy resources the country uses and what it exports. Throughout this topic, your child will develop their map work, atlas, compass, comparative and data reading skills.

### **Art/DT**

Our topic in art this term is 'Mixed Media'. Your child will create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit their own artistic ideas. Furthermore, they will explore how to use their art skills to express themselves around the theme of "Time". They will learn to explain personal preferences in terms of content and the seven elements of Art and to understand the notion of a visual voice.

### **MFL (Modern Foreign Languages)**

In French this term, your child will continue to develop their vocabulary and understanding of the French language in their topic Ça pousse! (Growing things). They will learn a range of new vocabulary, how to express their like and dislikes, to recognise some simple words and phrases by sight and to write simple sentences.

### **Computing**

This half of the term, your child will be introduced to HTML! In this unit your child will learn about the history of the web, before studying HTML (hypertext mark-up language), the language in which web pages are written. They learn to edit and write HTML, and then use this knowledge to create a web page!

### **PE**

Your child has P.E. every **Monday and Thursday**. As the weather is unpredictable please ensure they have their full **Indoor** and **Outdoor PE** kits for all lessons. In addition, your child will have the opportunity to partake in extra PE sessions with our sports coach David Dines on **Fridays**.

In Outdoor PE your child will be exploring athletics. This entails running, jumping and throwing activities, including simple challenges and competitions. As in all athletic activities, your child will think about how to achieve the greatest possible speed, height, distance and accuracy. In Indoor PE your child will develop their yoga skills. They will learn and practise different yoga poses, focus on stretching and learn how to control their breathing.

Your child will also continue to take part in music lessons on Fridays with Mr Dixon (every other half term) where they will learn to use their voices to sing expressively and experiment with instruments to create and combine sounds.

Reminders: As we look forward to more sunshine and warm weather this coming term, could you please ensure that your child has had sun cream applied to their face, neck arms and legs prior to the school day. Also ensure they bring their school water bottle into school every day, with their name clearly marked on it. If your child does not have a school water bottle, they are available from the school office for £1.50. Sun hats can also be ordered from the school office. Please ensure any money that is sent into school is enclosed in a school money pocket and detailed with the necessary information. Money pockets can be purchased from the school reception.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me before/after school through the school office.

Thank you for your support.

**Mrs Taggart**

Joseph Class Teacher