

Joseph Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting school term! We hope that you have had a wonderful time over the half term break and you are now ready for the second half of the spring term. As this is another key term in your child's education, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you what your child will be learning about this term.

English and Maths

In English, your child will learn to develop and secure his/her knowledge on non-chronological reports to assist them in gaining a better understanding of informative writing. This will enable your child write information about a subject or event.

To help improve your child's reading and comprehension skills, please ensure you listen to them read aloud for at least 20 minutes every day and ask questions about the text that they are reading. Additionally, your child should also be writing a comment in their reading journal on a weekly basis, along with any comments you may have about their reading.

In Maths, as we move through spring, our focus this term will be on fractions with operations related to calculations, reasoning and problem solving so learned skills are embedded. To assist your child in their development in both these curriculum areas, please give them support and encouragement in reading and utilising Mathletics at home using their personal log in. Encourage your child/children to practice their times table every day. Your child/ children will be tested on their target times tables on a weekly basis to support their progress with this important part of their learning.

RE

In this part of the term our topic will be on 'Giving and Receiving' your child will be learning to be thoughtful for life, for people and gifts which is a vital part of our relationships with one another.

Main Project: Rocks, Relics and Rumbles

Geography

In this geography project, your child will learn about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic, and seismic activity. In this project, your child will take on the role of a scientist, geologist, and volcanologist to investigate the potential dangers of tectonic plates. As a scientist, your child will be learning to make deductions and draw conclusions about the reliability of a historical source or artefact, to classify, compare, and contrast different types of geographical feature as a geologist and to use a range of different software to successfully complete a project as a volcanologist.

Mini Project: Forces and Magnets.

Science

This science project will see your learning about forces and magnets, including friction and magnetism. Your child will observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others, create and use written reports on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations of results to draw simple conclusions.

Main Project: Ammonite

Art

This half-term your child will continue learn to explore artistic techniques used in sketching, including simple line drawing, fine lines, shading, hatching to portray form in pencil drawing.

Main Project: Making it move

DT

In this project your child will learn about cam mechanisms alongside exploring and experiment with different shaped cams before designing, making, and evaluating a child's automaton toy. Your child will understand and use mechanical systems in their design (for example, gears, pulleys, cams, levers, and linkages).

Computing

In Computing your child will take on the role of presenters to gain skills in shooting live video, such as framing shots, holding the camera steady, and reviewing edit video, including adding narration and editing clips by setting in/out points. They will be learning to understand the qualities of effective video, such as the importance of narrative, consistency, perspective and scene length

PE

Your child will have the opportunity to partake in PE sessions with our sports coach David Dines every other half term on a Friday. Please ensure they have their full PE kits (including tracksuits) for all lessons and all items are clearly labelled with your child's full name.

Swimming

Your child will have swimming lessons every Wednesdays. Please ensure that they have appropriate swimming kits for all lessons and all items are labelled with your child's full name.

Music

Your child will continue to also take part in music lessons on Fridays with Mr Dixon (every other half term).

MFL Let's explore colours, numbers and counting in French

As numbers are very useful in counting things, in French this term, your child will explore colours, numbers and counting in French. You child will be learning to develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are using familiar words..

Homework

Homework is set as follows:

Tuesday:

- Spelling's list and spelling activity (ready for their test the following Monday)
- Times tables activity (ready for their test the following Monday)

Thursday:

- Additional homework in homework book

Reading journal homework is set on your child's reading day.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ms Olaitan
Joseph Class Teacher