



Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you had a joyful and peaceful Easter break. The information below outlines what your child will be learning this term.

English

Our topics in English will link very closely with our main project in History and we will be drawing on the knowledge that we learn in our School Days topic and applying it to different contexts. At this start of this term, your child will be writing a list poem about the things that happen in our school. As part of this, they will revisit using verbs, capital letters and full stops. Later, your child will be introduced to diary extracts and the grammatical features of diary entries. They will be taught how to use a range of suffixes and sentences types before writing their own diary entry about a day in a Victorian Classroom.

Maths

In maths this term, your child will learn how to tell the time to o'clock and half past an hour. In addition to this, they will learn how to recognise the different coins and notes that we use and how to add and subtract using money. Throughout the term, your child will be revising key arithmetic skills.

RE

In the RE topic called Spread the Word, your child will discover what happened to Jesus after the events of Holy Week. They will learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and how it gave the disciples the strength to go out into the world and spread the Good News.

In RE, your child will also learn about Islam. They will find out how Muslims prepare for prayer and learn about the Muslim prayer routine. Also, your child will learn the rules and responsibilities Muslim families must follow.

History – Main Project – School Days

In the School Days project, your child will learn about important moments in the history of St Joseph's. They will have the opportunity to take part in a traditional Victorian class and will learn about the differences between schooling in the Victorian era and schooling today. They will learn about objects found in a Victorian classroom and how they were used.

Science – Mini Project – Plant Parts

In the Plant Parts project, your child will learn that plants are living things that grow from seeds or bulbs. They will revisit the concept of seasonal change, observing how trees and other plants change with the seasons, particularly from winter to spring. Your child will observe, photograph and identify various plants growing in and around the school grounds. They will choose one plant they would like to study for the project's duration. They will explore where new plants come from and learn the names of some plants that grow from seeds and bulbs. Your child will learn about the parts of leaves, making comparisons. They will ask and answer scientific questions about the importance of plants to animals, including humans. They will observe how their chosen plant has changed over time and record their findings.

Art – Mini Project – Street View

In this mini project, your child will learn about artwork depicting streets and buildings and focuses on the work of the American pop artist, James Rizzi. They will work together as a class to create 3-D mural based on Rizzi's work.

PSHE

In PSHE, your child will learn about a range of different feelings and emotions and how to identify them. Also, they will discuss what things in our lives cause us to feel a certain way and explore strategies for managing emotions.

PE

In PE, your child will be taught a range of athletics skills in preparation for sports day. They will learn how to skip with a rope, throw a shot put, take part in a relay race and race the hurdles.

This term our PE focus is outdoor PE and our day for this is: Wednesday. The children's PE kits should contain tracksuits, shorts, t-shirts and trainers (please ensure girls have additional socks, as they cannot wear tights in PE). PE kits should be brought to school on Mondays and remain in school all week (please ensure that your child's kit and the rest of their uniform is clearly marked with their name).

Computing

In computing, your child will learn how to create an audio book. They will use the iPads to take photos and videos and position these into the audio book app. Further to this, your child will learn how to record themselves saying sentences and how to edit their work digitally.

Music

Music will be taught by our music specialist Mr Dixon and our lessons will take place on Fridays. They will learn to differentiate between higher and lower sounds and to play simple rhythmic patterns.

As always, if you have any questions regarding any of the information in this letter; or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am available at the end of the day to answer quick questions; however, appointments should be made via the school office to discuss any lengthier matters.

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Miss Elston

(Elizabeth Class Teacher)