



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 summer 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 about how to write biographies and letters. Your child will immerse themselves in these writing styles, identifying specific features at word, sentence and text level, before planning and writing their own compositions. As they do so, your child will revisit much of the English content from previous terms, working to showcase their knowledge from the year so far. 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 summer, our focus this term will initially be on continuing to develop further fractions understanding, before moving in to other areas of the mathematics curriculum such as time and shape. 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

Your child will begin their RE lessons this term by learning about key facts about the Qur'an and the Islamic faith. Your child will learn about the importance of the Quran and the significance of this special book to the Muslims in its guidance in their everyday life. Your child will also learn about the 99 beautiful names for Allah in the Quran which describes the nature or characteristics of Allah.

In this topic your child will be looking at the Spirit of God, how it inspired and gave strength to the Apostles to spread the News of Jesus' resurrection and how it can inspire and give strength to us all in our daily lives. They will be looking at what it means to spread the "Good News" and how they can do this too. Your child will also

have a special focus on Pentecost, as well as looking at the lives of St. Paul and St. Philip, noting how the Spirit inspired them in their missions.

Main Project: Emperors and Empires

History

Your child's main project over the course of the summer term is 'Emperors and Empires.' During our first week back, your child had the chance to explore a range of artefacts and activities during our 'Roman Museum' experience in school. Throughout this project, your child will learn about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain.

Mini Project: Plant Nutrition and Reproduction.

Science

Science during the first half of the summer term focuses on 'Plant Nutrition and Reproduction.' Your child will learn about the requirements of plants for growth and survival. They will be able to describe the parts of flowering plants and relate structure to function, including the roots and stem for transporting water, leaves for making food and the flower for reproduction.

Main Project: Beautiful Botanicals

Art

Throughout the first half of the summer term your child will cover 'Beautiful Botanicals.' This project will teach your child about the genre of botanical art. Your child will create natural weavings, two-colour prints and beautiful and detailed botanical paintings of fruit.

Main Project: Greenhouse

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Your child will be learning the purpose of a greenhouse and the materials used in different types. They will be comparing and contrasting newer and older greenhouses, with a special focus on famous greenhouses such as the Eden Project and the Great conservatory in Chatsworth House. On a practical level, your child will be exploring the materials that may be the best choice for a greenhouse as well as the form and support that a greenhouse might take/benefit from. Their main task will be to build their own greenhouse (in miniature) using simple materials and working collaboratively where possible. Your child will work on this topic in close connection with its partner topic in science of plants.

Computing

Your child will develop an understanding of working with different forms of input and output alongside gaining the skills in shooting live video, such as framing shots,

holding the camera steady, and reviewing edit video, including adding narration and editing clips. As children will be filming one another, your child will learn to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly.

Relationships Education

In PSHE your child will learn to describe and express feelings and the importance of doing so. We will use a wide range of vocabulary to describe good and not so good feelings. We will describe different feelings and how they are experienced in the body and learn to develop simple strategies for managing feelings.

PE

Your child will be continuing their PE Lessons this half term, with PE every Wednesday. Your child will be developing their practice in athletics in preparation for our hotly anticipated Sports Day! 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.

Music

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

MFL

In French this half term your child will consolidate their knowledge of numbers, parts of the body and colours. Your child will explore objects in the classroom, greetings, simple sentence structure, their family and different foods and meal times. Your 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
 - Maths
 - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Reading journal homework is set on your child's reading day – please check in with me at the end of the day if you are unsure of this, though your child will have been informed of any changes to their routine.

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