

Campion Class



Autumn Two Curriculum Letter

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A warm welcome back to you and your family to another autumn school term. We hope you had a wonderful half term break.

The children in Campion class are making progress, persevering and working hard with the learning curriculum. Let's keep it up in the 2nd half and continue to try our best as we work towards Christmas.

If you have any concerns, queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the school day, or make an appointment to see me.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Ms Olaitan

(Campion Class teacher)

What We're Learning

Main Project:

This term, we will continue with our Main Project topic is Maafa, a Swahili word meaning "great disaster". The project will trace the development of the slave trade and explore Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa. Children will learn about Africa's rich history and culture, as well as the resilience and strength of African people in the face of adversity.

English

In English this half term, we will be studying **chronological, non-chronological** and **persuasive letters** following the theme of our main project topic 'Maafa'. We will be looking at composition e.g layout and tone and grammar that support these genre of text.

Maths

This half term, we will be exploring the topics of abstract maths such as **Fractions**. Children will continue to develop number sense and should still be working hard at school and at home to practice **addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division**. To assist your child in their development in this area, we ask that you continue to have them practice times tables, mental math strategies, and reasoning.

History

This half term, we will continue with our project **Maafa**, in which your child will explore Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and the consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora. They will focus on the abolition of slavery, life after abolition and the lives of black people in Britain today.

Geography

In Geography this half term, your child will explore '**Our Changing World**'. This topic allows them to dive deeper into an exploration of the features of Earth including time zones and lines of latitude and longitude. They will use this knowledge to pin point areas on a map. They will then build on this knowledge with a closer look at map features such as lines of topography, map scales, references and the use of Ordnance Survey maps. They will have the opportunity to get hands on with a range of maps and atlases to test these skills.

Science

In Science, children will continue to learn about the **circulatory system** and how it transports blood throughout the body. They will also learn about the heart and how it functions. Additionally, children will learn about healthy lifestyle choices and how harmful substances can affect the body.

Religious Education

In Religious Education this half term, your child will be learning about different faiths, including **Judaism and Hinduism**, and about the second coming of Jesus. They will explore scripture and reflect on the promise made.

Art

This half term, your child will be learning about significant black artists and their work. They will be provided with opportunities to explore, analyse and create artwork inspired by them. They will gather, record and develop information from a range of sources to create a mood board. This will be an arrangement of images, materials, text and pictures to show their ideas/concepts. They will use their knowledge of colour and colour theory to create art which is based on our main project Maafa.

MFL

In French this term, your child will be studying the topic **Notre école (Our school)**. Your child will learn about our school and school routines in French. They also will revise describing people and telling the time. Your children will continue to develop their ability to listen to spoken language and join in and respond where appropriate. As they become more confident in the new vocabulary and grammar, your child will be able to hold conversations relating to this topic.



Music

This half term, your child will have the opportunity to take part in weekly music sessions with the school's specialist music teacher Mr Dixon, in which they will be developing their knowledge of the history of modern music through the topic of Blues to the Beatles.

PE

This half term, your child will have **Outdoor PE every Thursdays**. In these lessons, they will develop peripheral vision, reactions and different types of passes, change direction, outwit opponents, use a variety of movements, change direction at different speeds, keep possession, evade defenders, hold balance, throw and catch in different ways, moving using more than one body part and work as part of a team.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic will be on **Climate Change**. This topic aims to create open dialogues for the children on climate change. Through discussion the children will develop different types of thinking skills such as critical thinking - to think around a problem - and creative thinking - to create innovative solutions to a problem. Children will also learn to understand humans relationship with nature and how much we notice, and how nature and our environment is vital for keeping us emotionally, psychologically and physically healthy.

Computing

In computing, the children will be introduced to creating website for a chosen purpose by using HTML code. They will identify what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate their own website using Google Sites. Throughout the process, the children will pay specific attention to copyright and fair use of media, the aesthetics of the site, and navigation paths. They will explore and review existing websites and evaluate their content.



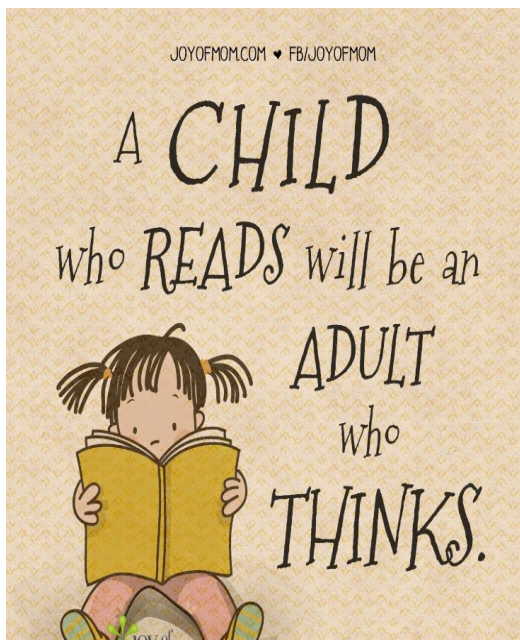
Mission Statement

At St.
Joseph's
School,
we aim
to grow and learn together within
a loving and caring environment
which reflects
the Gospel
values. We
encourage
all our
children
to reach
their full
potential in
all aspects of
their education.



Key Information & Reminders

- ◆ Champion Class will take part in Indoor PE on **Thursdays** Please ensure your child comes to school on **Mondays** with their PE kit, in case of any timetable changes.
- ◆ Spelling and Times Tables Tests take place on Wednesdays.
- ◆ Please ensure your child comes to school with their water bottle daily- think of it as part of their uniform!
- ◆ Children should be reading daily and should make a minimum of 5 reading comments per week. If possible spend some time to hear them read.



Ms Olaitan's Fab Five!

1. **DEAR**— Drop Everything And Read! Reading every single day opens your mind; broadens and strengthens your mind and also helps with your reading skills. So it is essential to read everyday.
2. **Times Tables**— You must practise your times tables, and corresponding division facts in order to develop instant recall. This means the more you practice the better you get.
3. **Spellings**— Spelling is a fundamental skill, but it takes time and practice to get the rules right. So it is essential to practice your spelling words daily. For tricky words, remember to start by sounding out the words and breaking the word into parts.
4. **Little and Often!** Remember, if you add a little and do this often by practising your times table and spellings daily, the little will become great.
5. **Try, and try again** —Sometimes you may get things wrong but mistakes will always be part of your learning process and that is okay. Remember making mistakes is the only way to get things right. So hold your head high and always do your best.