

# The Federation of St Joseph's Junior, Infant and Nursery Schools

## 'Together We Can, With Christ By Our Side'



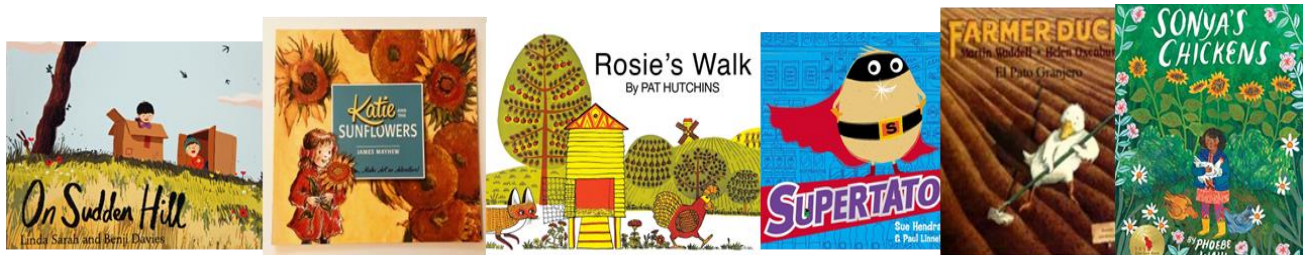
### Spring 2 2023 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We have already had such an excellent start to 2023 some of our highlights have been sharing lots of exciting books and exploring Forest School. We have seen a huge improvement in the whole of Reception's social and academic progress. A big thank you to all those who have brought in junk modelling, joined in with school activities and supported our trip to West Norwood library. We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to sunnier days in Sprint term 2.

#### Our Topics and Learning for Spring 2

Our topic for the next half term is **Growth and Change**. Our learning will be inspired by the story books we share together as a class, shown below. Please see our **recommended reading list** for suggestions on books you can share with your child at home that will help support their understanding of our topics.



**In Literacy**, We will be continuing to encourage children to 'Fred Talk' words in order to read and spell them. We have been focusing on learning 'special friends', 'two letters, one sound' and this term we will be learning set 2 sounds. We will begin to form short sentences by using our phonic knowledge to sound out words.

**Please continue to support your child to watch the phonics videos available on Google Classroom.**

**In Maths**, we will be continuing to learn how to compare and represent numbers to 8. We will then move onto numbers 9 and 10. We will be introducing children to number bonds to 10 and the different ways 10 can be made. The children will explore shapes, learn the names of 3D shapes and explore their properties.

**In Understanding the World**, We will be exploring 'Growth and change.' The children will be setting up their own potting area and will develop their skills as gardeners, as well as increase their knowledge of plants and what they need to grow. We will also think about how humans change and grow. What humans need to stay fit and healthy and how we are different from other animals.

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In R.E, our topic will be 'Sorrow and Joy'. The children will begin to recognise that our actions can hurt others and that sometimes sorry is not enough. Children will learn what it means to forgive and that Jesus forgave others who hurt him. They will learn that we can forgive others when they hurt us.

In Personal, Social and Emotional (R.S.E), We will be exploring what it means to be a good role model and how we should love people the way God loves us. The children will be able to identify people who are special to them and the importance of family. There will be a focus on recognising our own behaviours and developing good relationships.

### PE & Forest School Days

The children will continue to explore the forest and outdoor areas of the school throughout the second half of the Spring Term on Monday afternoons and take part in P.E lessons on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E kit on these days.

### Weduc and Google Classroom

Weduc and Google Classroom are vital communication tools to support you and your child's learning. Please ensure you have the Weduc app downloaded so you can access information on whole school events and important dates. Google Classroom is a fantastic resource with information to support you and your child's learning, please ensure you can access this. If you have any difficulties please drop in to the Library to access our parent **Tech Support on Wednesday mornings at 9am.**

A polite reminder that our **school day begins at 8.45** and the **classroom doors open at 8.40am**, please make every effort for your child to arrive on time. We will continue to send **reading and sound folders home every Friday and collect these on Thursdays.**

Thank you for your continued support,

### The Reception Team

**Miss Hopper** - Class Teacher for RP, **Miss Hayter** - Class Teacher for RH

**Mrs Reid** - Early Years Educator

**Ms James & Mrs Pelliccia** - Teaching Assistants