

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

'Together We Can, With Christ By Our Side'



Summer 1 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to Summer 1! We hope that you all had a fun and relaxing break. We are looking forward to watching the children thrive as we explore new topics.

This term, we will be planning, drafting and writing a retelling of the legend St George and The Dragon. Additionally, we will be researching, planning and writing a biography on a modern day activist and learning about Malala Yousafzai through the children's book Malala's Magic Pencil.

Comprehension skills will be taught through Talk Through Stories and the children will be exploring George and The Dragon, How to be a Dragon and Zog.

In Maths, children will be learning about Time, Money Volume and Capacity, Mass and Space.

In the foundation subjects our topics are: Eastertide (R.E), Plants (Science), Lego Builders, Creating Pictures and Technology Outside of School (Computing), Victorians (History), 3D Painting (Art), Portuguese, Your Imagination (Music) and Athletics (P.E).

Additionally, all class information is uploaded onto the school app - Weduc. All trips, letters and permission forms can also be found on Weduc.

Homework will be uploaded on google classroom digitally and given to children on a Friday. All Time to Write Books, Reading, Spelling, Handwriting and Maths Folders must be completed and handed in on **Wednesday**

Please help support your child by ensuring that they:

- Read for 15 minutes with an adult. Each child will be given a targeted reading book based on their phonics colour band. Adults must record a comment in their child's reading records. Please read for pleasure additionally to this and encourage your child to choose a book of their choice from the library or book corners.
- Choose a book from the Reading Around The Genres book list to read with your child. Ask your child questions from the reading list which focus on the reading skill of the term.
- Complete homework to a high standard. In their homework books, each week they will be given a creative writing task called Time to Write Homework. It must be completed in pencil to the same standard as their writing at school. Please write a comment under your child's writing reflecting on what you think they have done well.
- Ensure your child is practicing their handwriting in line with the homework.
- Learn weekly spellings that will be tested on a Friday.
- Practice their number bonds and mental maths which will be tested on Friday.
- Come in the appropriate PE kits on a **Tuesday**.

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Your child can attend school in their PE Kits on Forest School days and please ensure that your child has the following additional clothing:

- Outdoor shoes – walking boots or wellingtons
- Warm socks
- A warm school coat
- An extra layer of clothing depending on the weather

Please write your child's name on their clothing.

During Forest School sessions, children are encouraged to work with others to carry out activities such as den/shelter building, role play, exploration, practical and creative skills and tasks.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries either at the end of the day, via the office or email: year1@st-josephs-inf.croydon.sch.uk or year2@st-josephs-inf.croydon.sch.uk

The Year 1 Team includes:

- 1E: Miss Bunyat, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Foley-Brown
- 1S/20- Ms Bickmore, Mrs Power, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Mulhern