



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

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Autumn 2 2022 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

The children have settled into their new classes brilliantly and they have become more confident with our daily routines. They are accessing resources around the classroom independently and it has been a pleasure to see new friendships blossom.

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 from the 9th November at 9am.

Our Topics and Learning for this Half Term

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



In Literacy, we will continue to learn our Set 1 Sounds and how we blend these together to read words. In our writing we will be working on securing effective pencil grip/control so the children can form all the set 1 sounds correctly and write the initial sounds for words. Please support your child to watch the phonics videos available on Google Classroom.

In Maths, we will be exploring numbers 1 to 5 and how we can represent and compare these. We will look at one more and one less and begin to explore shape. Looking at circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides.

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In **Understanding the World**, we will explore the seasons and the changing weather, looking at food of the season's, giving children the opportunity to develop skills and attitudes that help them to prepare and enjoy food that is healthy. We will also learn about different celebrations from around the world. Helping the children to recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

In **R.E.**, the children have looked at the creation of God's wonderful world and will now explore God's Family. Learning that they are special to their family and to God and begin to understand that when we help others we are pleasing God. A large and exciting part of our learning will be to know that Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus and the children will take part in the Reception Nativity Play!

PE & Forest School Days

We will continue with the same timetable and the children will take part in a **Forest School session on Monday afternoons and P.E on Wednesdays**. Please send children into school in **their PE kits on these days**. Thank you for sending wellies and raincoats in for your child, if you haven't yet done so please send these in this half term as our sessions are due to get a lot muddier as the weather changes. The children have loved having the opportunity to explore and it has been a pleasure to watch them become more confident in the natural environment and watch their understanding of the natural world grow.

A polite reminder that our **school day begins at 8.45** and the **classroom doors open at 8.40am**, please make every effort to ensure your child arrives at school on time so they can access the early morning learning. Please also ensure all of your child's clothing is clearly labeled. We will continue to send **reading and sound folders home every Friday and collect these on Thursdays**. We are also delighted to announce that the children will now attend West Norwood Library once every half term as well as our school library and bring library books for you to share at home.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team

Mrs Tope - Early Years Lead & Class Teacher for RP & Miss Hayter - Class Teacher RH

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