












Our Lady and St Joseph Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term- Reception

Dear Parents, Happy New Year! We are covering lots of exciting topics this term, and I am looking forward to helping each child build on their successes from the Autumn. This is a very important term as children are now settled into their life in school and are becoming more confident and secure with their learning. Below is an outline of the curriculum for the Spring Term

	PSED	We will share stories, have class discussions and circle times to help the children to understand the consequences of their own actions as well as to become aware of their emotions and to start expressing them. Through the <i>Ten:Ten</i> scheme we will talk about how to look after others and our bodies and about our closest relationships in terms of family and friends.
	C&L	Children in Reception enjoy class discussions, story time and expressing their thinking, knowledge and personal experiences. We will continue to support this alongside a strong focus on learning new vocabulary.
	PD	We will continue to have weekly PE sessions (on Mondays) with Mr James. We will focus on dance for the first half-term and ball skills for the second half. Children will have daily opportunities for practising writing and drawing skills and to further develop their fine motor skills using different media too.
	Literacy	This term we will learn the level 2 sounds and helpful words of our <i>Floppy's Phonics</i> Scheme. We will also place a strong focus on reading and writing more complex words as well as starting to build sentences, both orally and in writing. We will carry on with daily story time and weekly focus texts (fiction, non-fiction and rhyming books) with the aim of instilling a lifelong love for reading and writing.
	Maths	We will focus on the composition of numbers and addition. We will also learn to subitise, the days of the week and recognising 3D shapes.
	R.E	We will carry on with the new EYFS RE Curriculum and cover branch 3 and 4. In 'Galilee to Jerusalem' we will be focusing on the life of Jesus and His message of love and acceptance. In 'Desert to Garden' we will be learning about the meaning of Lent and Easter for the Catholic Church. We will also look at Islam.
	UtW	We will begin the term by exploring the coldest regions of our planet before taking the children on a journey through other continents. We will learn about the variety of animals that live on Earth as well as many celebrations that take place in different parts of the world. This will help the children to get an initial understanding of the diversity of cultures and geographical places.
	EA&D	We will carry on creating art, experimenting with colours, design, texture and different mediums.
	Music	In music we will be learning how to respond to signals with instruments, become loud and soft and play along with a beat to different styles of music.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Homework due in. - PE session with Mr. James. Come into school in PE kit.			- Homework given out, due back on Monday.	

Our priority is that the children continue to feel happy and confident and we will do everything we can to make sure this happens. Your continued support at home is invaluable in helping your child progress this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the curriculum or any other matter.

Many thanks,

Chiara Scarpini (Reception class teacher)