

Welcome to Year 4

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Our Vision Statement

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School plays a vital role in developing educational excellence within the London Borough of Brent and the Diocese of Westminster.

We offer a high quality, inclusive and innovative curriculum. All learners, regardless of their ability, benefit from the school's imaginative approaches to teaching and learning so that pupils become empowered citizens of the world.

The school works closely with the wider community to raise the aspirations, expectations and educational achievements for all.

At St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, pupils make rapid progress because of their outstanding behaviour. Lessons build on securing core skills and deepening knowledge and understanding.

We achieve all this by inspiring, motivating and challenging our pupils.

'Our expectations for our school and our pupils is limitless'



Our Mission Statement

- We stand on holy ground.
- We will always open our doors in welcome.
- We will always love and care for each other as Jesus taught us.
- We will always place the Word of God at the heart of our school.
- We will always be witnesses to our faith by following in the footsteps of Christ.



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•Punctuality

Be on time. Soft Start begins at 8.20am with class beginning promptly at 8:30am. Children who come in after this time will receive a 'late' detention. The class with the best punctuality this year will go to Thorpe Park as a reward at the end of the year.

•Attendance

100% attendance is essential.

Notify the school if your child is absent.

•Behaviour

Pupils need to be role models for the school through -behaviour, uniform, punctuality, standards and aspirations.

Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times, this also includes the correct P.E uniform. Pupils should ensure that their hair is tidy and tied back if long. Pupils should wear limited jewellery e.g. small gold or silver stud earrings.



Curriculum Subjects - Autumn Term

English - Spellings, grammar, punctuation, reading and writing extended pieces at length

Maths - Standard written methods for all four operations, large numbers, decimals, fractions and percentages

Science - Eating and Digestion

Computer Science - Online Safety and Coding

History/Geography - Europe

PE - Games and Gymnastics

Handwriting - Pupils are required to write in legible cursive script.

Home learning

Home Learning is an essential part of your child's learning. As the teacher and parents it is our duty to ensure that our children are receiving the best possible education. Home learning is a way in which you can support your child. This is expected to be completed to the best possible standard and checked and signed by parents.

As home learning is a vital way for children to consolidate their learning, this will be checked on a weekly basis and a record will be kept.

Home learning

Home learning will be given out on a Monday. It will need to be returned on a Friday completed.

As a guide, we suggest that your child completes one piece of home learning each night. This will be completed alongside the daily tasks of reading, spelling and times tables.

For example:

- Monday: Reading, Spellings, Times tables, English worksheet
- Tuesday: Reading, Spellings, Times tables, Talk Homework.
- Wednesday: Reading, Spellings, Times tables, Maths Worksheet.
- Thursday: Reading, Spellings, Times tables (in preparation for Friday's test) and Religion/Science task.

Home learning

Home learning will consist of:

- 15 mins of Reading everyday, to be recorded in the Reading Record and signed. This will be checked every Friday.
- Times tables and Spellings everyday
 - The children will complete a times tables and spellings test every Friday.
- Maths
- English
- Religion/Science
- At times, other curriculum subjects
- Handwriting

TALK HOMEWORK

- Once a week, the children will complete an independent piece of writing, unrelated to the weekly English topic. This is called 'Big Writing'.
- To help the children prepare for this, you will need to complete 'Talk Homework' with them. The conversation you have will help spark the child's imagination and interest. This will enable the child to succeed during a 'Big Writing' lesson as they will have lots of exciting ideas.
- This homework is to be completed weekly and is linked to the Big Write topic of the week.

Examples of talk homework



What descriptive words can you think of to describe snow?

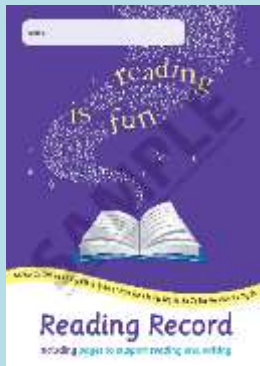
How does the snow make you feel?



Who is your favourite author? Why?

Do your family members have any favourite authors?

What makes them so great?



Reading Record

As part of your child's home learning, your child is expected to read for 15 minutes everyday. A record of this is kept in a 'Reading Record'.

- The child needs to record the date and book and page number(s) they have read. In the second box, the child writes a short comment about what they have read. This task is completed everyday.
- After the child has written their comment, you will need to sign underneath, to acknowledge the 15 minutes reading task has been completed.



Reading Record



The reading record and book will be returned to school on Friday.

Soft start on Friday's is 'Silent Reading time'. This takes place across the whole school every Friday morning, from 8:30am- 9:00. This includes the class teacher and TA who also enjoy reading silently.

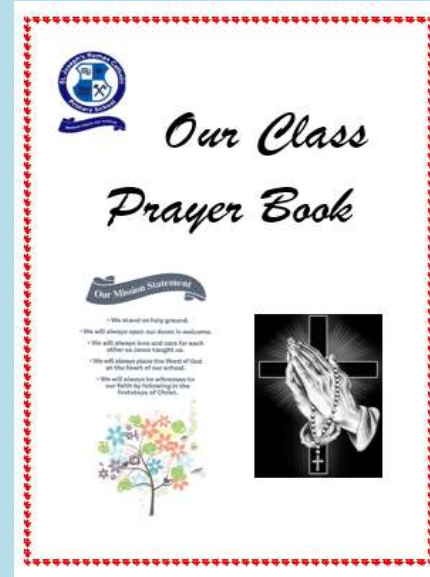
There are lots of different ways that your child can complete their 15 minutes of evening reading. We encourage you and your child to vary the way this 15 minutes of reading is done.

Examples:

- Reading together
- The child reading aloud to you
- Reading to a sibling
- Reading silently

Class Prayer book

- This year, we will be creating a class prayer book. Your child will be given the opportunity to bring it home to create a prayer to add to the book.
- When your child receives the class prayer book, they will bring it home for the week. As a family, come together to create a prayer. Something you are thankful for, someone you would like to pray for or to ask God to help us with worldwide issues.
- When your child returns the prayer book, we will come together as a class to share it at prayer time.
- Please keep great care of the prayer book as it will be a special and sacred book full of prayers from our school community.
- If you cannot write in English, you can create a prayer in your native language.



What to bring to school

- Healthy snack (fruit or a piece of vegetable).
- Reading record and reading book everyday which will be checked on a Friday.
- Pupils must let teacher know when they need a new book.
- St Joseph's school book bag (no rucksack this year)
- Soft pencil case, 2 HB pencils, Rubber, Sharpener, Green biro pen, Berol handwriting pen- blue (if on a pen licence), Small ruler, Highlighter pen, Dry wipe marker, Colouring pencils and Glue Stick.
- Any letters that need to be returned.
- PE kits (only on a Monday)... This needs to be brought home by your child after they have completed their final weekly PE lessons. This PE kit needs to be washed and returned to school on a Monday.

What you can do to support your child:

Times
tables

Spellings
and high
frequency
words

Reading
and
reading
record

School Uniform



- Just a reminder that all children should come into school with their full uniform including school jumper, blazer and coat.
- Pupils with long hair should come into school with their hair tied back. Only small stud earrings are allowed.
- Nail varnish is not allowed nor are beads or ribbons in the hair.
- Please make sure that they also have a full PE kit. The PE kit will be sent home after the second PE lesson, to be washed. This will need to be in the following Monday.
- Swimming kit to be brought in on Friday's. 4W will go swimming from this Friday until February half term and then 4K will go until the end of summer term.
- Swimming bags can be purchased for £1.75 on our Scopay system.
- Please label your child's uniform so that nothing gets lost or mixed up.
- It is important to encourage your child to become independent with dressing and undressing so that they are on time for PE and swimming lessons.

Home Time - Collection

- Your child finishes school at 3pm. Please ensure that you are on time for collection (Northcote Road).
- When picking your child up from school please exit the school premises as quickly as possible as other year groups and parents will be there.
- If you would like to talk to the teacher, make an appointment at the office and we can discuss the matter privately.
- If someone else is picking up your child please inform the office or write the teacher a note.

