



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Home Letter information for parents: 26/09/2025

Classes: RS Mrs Smith and RM Ms McDonagh

Important Notes

- Please continue to read to your child every evening.
- Please make sure your child has a full, labelled PE kit with plimsolls in school.
- Please make sure that all items of school uniform are labelled, including the new ties and school shirts.

This week at school

- This week we have continued to discuss our classroom rules to help us play and learn happily and respectfully.
- Ask your child some of the classroom rules.
- The children are practising how to write their name using cursive handwriting.

Mathematics

This week the children were introduced to the concept of matching which is a simple form of sorting and is the beginning of logical thinking. They started by matching physical objects with other physical objects using vocabulary such as 'same' and 'different'. After that, they had a go at matching objects to matching pictures and, finally, the children were encouraged to identify sets of different objects (e.g. spoon, fork and knife / pencil, rubber and a pencil sharpener).

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Creation and Covenant

This topic invites the children to learn about themselves. We learnt how we are all unique and how this makes us special. We understood that God loves each and every one of us. In doing so, it explores how we can show love and care for our families and friends linking to our previous learning of the creation story.

PSED

Encourage your child to put on and take off their blazers and jumpers independently. Make sure that they know where to find the label with their names written so they can easily identify them.

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Literacy

This week the children talked about the people we love who may not live in their home. We looked at all the different ways we would be able to go visit our families and friends, through exploring different modes of transport. After that, they had a go at recognising the initial sounds in words (e.g. p for plane, g for grandma).

Phonics

We are following the Read Write Inc. programme by Ruth Miskin: www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/ www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIq9GdxtQ
You can **purchase the sound cards** from Amazon:

- RWI Phonics Flashcards Set 1
https://www.amazon.co.uk/Read-Write-Inc-Home-Flashcards/dp/0198386710/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=phonics+set+1+rwi&qid=1601030530&sr=8-4
- RWI Phonics Flashcards Set 2
https://www.amazon.co.uk/Read-Write-Inc-Phonics-Flashcards/dp/0198386818/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=phonics+set+2+rwi&qid=1601030709&sr=8-2

Home learning

This week we are sending home a letter formation booklet and name card for you to **keep at home**. Use this booklet daily with your child to help them form their letters correctly. We are also sending home your child's name formation on a piece of paper for you to see how the letters in their names are formed using cursive handwriting. Please practise this daily at home.

Home learning - Autumn Walk

Please go to the park this weekend and collect as many different signs of autumn as you can find (e.g. leaves, conkers, acorns, pine cones, etc.). Talk to your child about the changes happening all around them, for example, why the leaves are changing colour and why some leaves are falling off the trees. Take the leaves home and watch the YouTube link below to create a fun collage. What can you make? It would be wonderful if you could take a photo of your child collecting leaves and bring in the finished collage on Wednesday. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZRTHUP_ouI <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aFm84TPtqQ>