



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term 2025 curriculum information for parents.

Classes: 5S & 5W

Teachers: Mr McSherry & Mr Whiteman

This term we will be learning about:

Mathematics

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Word problems
- Multiplication and division
- Factors, multiples, prime numbers
- Converting units of measure
- Perimeter
- Volume and Area
- <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

English

- Fiction / Non-fiction Texts
- Conjunctions
- Openers for sentences
- Grammar/Spelling/Punctuation
- Planning skills
- Character and setting descriptions
- Handwriting
- Reading Comprehension skills
- Shared reading sessions

Home Learning

Each evening your child should read for at least 20 minutes and record this in their reading record.

Children will receive homework on a Monday in English, Mathematics and handwriting. All work should be completed and **returned to school on the Friday of the same week.**

Please sign your child's reading record daily.

Science

'The properties and Changes of Materials' - We will also compare and contrast the properties and use of different materials.
As Scientists, we will carry out, plan and conduct investigations using various scientific skills throughout each topic.

You can help your child by...

- Supporting your child in completing their home learning to a high standard and bringing it in on time.
- Labelling your child's clothes and PE kit with their full name and current class so that property can be returned if lost.
- Providing a piece of fruit for your child each day.
- Ensuring your child learns spellings weekly.

Swimming

5S swimming will begin on Friday 12th September and continue every Friday until 13th February 2026 at Willesden Sports Centre. 5W will attend swimming sessions from 23 February 2026 - 17 July 2026. Please ensure your child has proper swimwear - girls must wear an all-in-one costume and boys **must wear swimming trunks**. All children **must** have a swimming cap. Please purchase a school yellow swim bag from the reception office.

Swimming goggles, deodorants, creams or shampoos are not allowed.

PE kits will be sent home every Friday to be washed and should **be returned each Monday** ready for the week's lessons.

Children are to bring in their own stationary for school - list as follows: **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.**

Religious Education: In autumn term 1, in the topic 'In the Beginning' the children will explore the two creation stories from the book of Genesis. Children will learn about Hinduism in autumn term 2 and will also study the topic 'Advent to Christmas' which will focus on identifying sources of religious belief and explaining how they arise.

Caritas: Children to develop an understanding of the Catholic Social teachings which highlights the importance of valuing human life and relationships, including social interactions.

Computing: 'Online Safety' - Children will explore how to keep themselves safe online using SMART rules.
'Coding' - Children will plan and create algorithms using the '2Code' program.

History: 'Ancient Greece' - Pupils will be studying aspects of the historical and cultural background of this civilisation, and its impact on the modern world, using a variety of sources.

Geography: 'The United Kingdom' - Pupils will study the Geography of the United Kingdom. They will use atlases and explore the UK's physical and human geography.

RSHE: Children will develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships. Pupils will learn that celebrating differences between people is enriching to a community and know that their self-confidence should arise from being loved by God. They will learn about the physical changes that boys and girls go through during puberty and how they should respect and take care of their bodies as gifts from God.

Art: Pupils will explore Viking Art.

DT: Pupils will have the opportunity to explore fashion using textiles.

P.E: Pupils will develop their skills in football and basketball, when they will be focussing on dribbling, passing and defence and attack tactics.

Music: Pupils will explore musical compositions using the guitar. Focus will be on notation, chords and symbols. Pupils will listen to, and interact with music from a wide historical and geographical background, comparing and contrasting how musical elements are used in a variety of historical periods, social contexts and varying musical traditions.

French: Romans-Through the medium of this familiar period of history, pupils will be taught the skills to understand slightly longer and more complicated text in French. Pupils will learn to 'gist' read, listen and understand more by using cognates and more familiar language to decode unknown language. This unit ties in with literacy, promoting a deeper understanding of the role of verbs, nouns, determiners and adjectives in sentences. This unit links strongly to transferable literacy skills.