



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Home Letter information for parents: 09/01/2026

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.

RED DITTIES

must be returned on
Wednesdays.

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.

www.stjosephsrc.co.uk/learning/early-years-foundation-page/

Cursive Handwriting

It is important the children start writing the flicks when forming the letters as this will help them to join them later in the year (all letters start from the bottom line). On **Google Classroom** you will find information and the templates for all their names and the letters 'a to z' in cursive handwriting. Please have a look at them and encourage your child to form the letters correctly.

Mathematics

This week, the children revisited their numbers 1 to 5 through a range of engaging and visual activities. We explored different pictures together and carefully counted the objects in each one, encouraging the children to recognise the correct number and match it to the amount shown. This helped to reinforce number recognition and counting skills.

Literacy

This week the children talked about the food they ate over the holidays and the presents they received. They were encouraged to speak in full sentences by answering questions such as 'Did you try something new? What did it taste like? What was your favourite thing to eat?' (e.g. I really enjoyed eating roast gammon, My favourite food was the Christmas pudding, During the holiday I ate fish and potatoes, etc.). Then, they wrote a list of their favourite Christmas food they ate using their Phonics knowledge.

Phonics

We are following the Read Write Inc. programme by Ruth Miskin:

www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/

www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLqY2oA_cFCIg9GdxtQ

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+rw&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+rw&qid=1601030709&sr=8-2

RE - Galilee to Jerusalem

This week the children spoke about the Magi, who they were and why they visited Jesus. The Magi were the three wise men that followed a special star to find baby Jesus. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to show that Jesus is special. This helps us learn about kindness and giving to the special people in our life.

Reading Records

The children are taking home a library book. Please read it to your child daily and discuss key events and characters. On the reading record book please write a little note telling us if your child liked the book and why (e.g. Jack thought it was funny, it made him laugh). **Please return the book bags on Wednesday, not before.**

Science Museum

As our new topic this term is called **Space**, don't forget about the wonderful free **Science Museum** that we have right on our door step. Be mindful that you have to pre booked your ticket but it is still free.

<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/visit> Go to Google Classroom for more details.

Self Help Skills

As the weather is getting colder, this week's home learning is teaching your child to put on their coats, hats and scarves independently.