



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Home Letter information for parents: 16/01/2026

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.

Topic

This week in history and science the children are learning all about space. We learnt that animals went to space before humans! We spoke about how a brave dog, and monkey, flew into space to help humans learn about the planets. In science we learnt about the moon and sun. We learnt that the sun is a light source. We went on to investigate sources of light and reflectors of light.

RSHE -

I Like, You Like, We all Like!

During this session the children listened to a story in which Mollie the Cat feels bad because she doesn't like catching mice, but comes to a place of self-acceptance with the help of her friends. The children learnt that we all have different 'tastes' (likes and dislikes), but also similar needs (e.g. to be loved and respected, to be safe, etc.).

Mathematics

This week the children revisited the concept of 'one more'. Then they learnt about 'one less'. They were encouraged to talk in full sentences: 'one less than five is four'. They had the opportunity to explore this by using manipulatives such as counters and a five frame.



Literacy



This term we are looking at Space and its features. We started by looking at the moon, using adjectives to describe it. The children listened to the story 'Whatever next'.

Then they wrote sentences about the moon. When writing, we are becoming familiar with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

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+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

Religious Education

This week in RE we revisited the story of the magi. We learnt that this special story is about a star and special visitors who followed this star to find baby Jesus. Through role play the children acted out the story of the magi and spoke about the special people in our life. We then retold the story of the magi through sticking pictures of the story in chronological order.

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.

Things to try this weekend

As part of our topic called 'space', the home learning for this weekend is to write a list of **5 Things I Would Take to Space in My Rocket**.

The maths home learning for this weekend is to practice finding **one less than a amount**. 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.