



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Home Letter information for parents: 23/01/2026

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.

RSHE -

All The Feelings!

During this session the children used pictures and short stories of Freddy Teddy and his friends experiencing different feelings, children discussed how they are feeling, what feelings can look like in their bodies and what contributes to their feelings. They worked on empathy and how to help others experiencing difficult feelings.

Literacy

This week the children explored the concept of rhyming words (for 2 words to rhyme they need to have the same middle and last sound: cat/sat, bed/red). They listened to the story 'The Smeds and The Smoos' by Julia Donaldson, and enjoyed finding rhyming words throughout the book (e.g. Bill/hill, Janet/planet, long /song, etc.)



Religious Education

Our topic is called 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. This week we learnt the Glory Be prayer and together learnt that we could say thanks and praise God through prayer. Later in the week, we read a Bible story showing how Jesus welcomes everyone and shows us all love. From this we spoke about what we could do to show others love for example, sharing our toys.

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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Mathematics

This week the children explore mass and capacity using balance scales, different sized containers and various objects from the classroom. They were encouraged to talk in full sentences: the pebble is heavier than the feather.



Phonics

We are following the Read Write Inc. programme by Ruth Miskin: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>
<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parentsandcarers/>

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=1601030530&sr=8-4

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

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. Go to Goggle Classroom for more information and check the RSPB website <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

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.