



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Spring Term 2026 Curriculum information for parents.

Classes: 1G and 1M

Teachers: Mrs Gandhi and Mrs Medrek

This term we will be learning about:

Mathematics

- Exploring calculation strategies within 20
- Numbers to 50
- Addition and subtraction within 20 (Comparison and difference)
- Measures (1): Length, Height, Mass and Volume.
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

English

- Read Write Inc phonics lessons
- Traditional tales:
- Oral storytelling
- Written storytelling
- Planning
- Imitating stories
- Character and setting descriptions
- Information texts
- Patterns and rhymes
- Repeated couplets and repeated phrases.

Science

Spring 1: My Body

Children will explore the names and functions of different parts of their bodies.

Spring 2: Identifying Animals

Children will learn about mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. They will identify and name a variety of common animals. They will also compare a variety of common UK birds and reptiles.

Home Learning

Each evening your child should read for at least 15 minutes.

Spellings: words will be sent home on Friday for a test on the following Friday. Support your child to use the words in sentences on the back.

Mathematics, Handwriting and Religious Education home learning will be sent home on Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

Art and Design - In Spring 1 your children will explore the topic 'Paper art'.

Design and Technology - In Spring 2 your children will design their own home.

You can help your child by ...

Supporting your child in completing their home learning and returning it each Friday.

Reading with your child every evening to improve their skills and confidence and write a comment in their reading record book.

Developing their skills in time, money and measure in real life situations.

Labelling your child's clothes, with your child's name so that property can be returned if lost.

Ensuring your child brings the appropriate stationary to school; soft pencil case, 2 HB pencils, rubber, Sharpener, Green biro pen, Small ruler, Highlighter pen, Dry wipe marker, Colouring pencils and Glue Stick.

Helping your child research their topic work and complete any home projects.

Remember to regularly check the website for more information

<http://www.stjosephsrc.co.uk/school/>

Encourage children to use Purple Mash <https://www.purplemash.com>

Explore the My Maths website <https://www.mymaths.co.uk>

Explore the Times tables Rock stars website <https://ttrockstars.com/>

Explore French home learning resource <https://www.linguascope.com/apps/>

PE kits will be sent home on Friday to be washed and returned to school on Monday.

Religious Education

Spring 1 - During the topic of 'Galilee and Jerusalem', through listening to various stories in Luke's Gospel, pupils will recognise that Jesus is the Son of God who has come to save all.

Spring 2 - During the topic of 'Desert to Garden', pupils will learn that Lent is a special time for praying, fasting and helping others as Jesus taught us to do. They will learn how Jesus died and rose again.

Computing

In the topic 'Lego builders', children will follow an algorithm to solve problems. Throughout 'Maze Explorers', children will use the program 2Go to use direction keys. In the topic 'Animated Story Books', children will create an e-book adding animations, sounds and a background.

Geography: Where I Live?

Children will learn about the countries and capitals of the UK and explore their local area.

History: Castles

Children will learn about where castles are built, who lived in castles and the structure of castles.

P.E

Spring 1: This term children will develop their ball skills through a range of games that involve foot and hand.

Spring 2: Children will develop a wide range of skills when practicing athletics.

Music

Children will continue to explore musical elements, such as pulse, duration, dynamics and tempo through singing, movement, and playing classroom instruments, with a focus on percussion instruments and our new Xylophones. They will be creating and composing simple musical ideas to dramatize familiar songs, stories and nursery rhymes. Children will work on proper singing technique of matching pitch in simple songs, and using the voice in a variety of ways.

French

Mini beasts: In this unit pupils will follow the preparations of ten minibeast characters as they prepare for their school sports day. Pupils will learn the names for ten minibeast creatures and how to understand and follow simple instructions in the foreign language. The unit ends with an animated story of the sports day race.

Superheroes: In this unit pupils will learn all about 6 superheroes in the foreign language. Pupils will be introduced to a series of colours and high frequency verbs to help describe each superhero character. Each lesson will be accompanied by a song that pupils will be encouraged to actively participate in.

RSHE

In Spring 1, children will explore the module 'Emotional Well-Being'. They will learn to understand and articulate their own feelings and how other people's feelings might differ from theirs. Children will learn how they can manage their feelings and about the consequences of their actions. In Spring 2, children will explore the module 'Life Cycles'. They will learn that God created us to follow the cycle of life and he loves us at every stage.