



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Spring Term 2026 Curriculum information for parents.

Classes: 5S, 5W

Teachers: Mr Mc Sherry & Mr Whiteman

This term we will be learning about:

Mathematics

- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Angles
- Multiplication
- Division
- Investigations
- Transformations

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

English

- Fiction / Non-fiction Texts
- Conjunctions
- Openers for sentences
 - Adverbials
- Grammar/Spelling/Punctuation
- Big writing sessions
- Planning skills
- Spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting
- Reading Comprehension skills
- Whole class reading sessions

Religious Education

Spring 1 – During the topic of 'Galilee and Jerusalem', pupils will explore that the Church teaches that the Beatitudes describe how faithful Christians should aim to live their lives. The Our Father is the perfect prayer given to us by Jesus himself and the Transfiguration revealed Jesus' divine glory. Spring 2 – During the topic of 'Desert to Garden', pupils will understand that Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and is the first forty days that lead up to Easter. The forty days refer to the time Jesus spent in the desert during which he was tempted.

Computing

Children will use 2Calculate to create spreadsheets, then learn how to search and build their own databases.

History

'The Vikings vs The Anglo Saxons' - Pupils will be studying aspects of the historical and cultural background of both these civilisations, and their impact on Britain, using a variety of sources.

Geography

'Rivers' - Pupils will study river formation and its effect on the environment and landscape using atlases and other sources. As well as researching a river of their choice in order to conduct an investigation.

RSHE

In spring term 1, children will explore the module 'Created and loved by God' through sessions including body image and emotional changes.

In spring term 2, children will explore the module 'Created to Love Others' through sessions including self-talk and being under pressure.

Art and Design

Pupils will explore historical vase designs and sculpt their own.

Design Technology

Pupils will learn about how simple bridges are constructed and explore means of testing them.

P.E

In Pupils in Year 5 will develop skills in athletics and football.

Music

Pupils will continue their studies of rock and roll by looking at famous British Rock and Pop Stars. They will choose guitar and an additional instrument from the Modern Rock Band Family (keyboard, drum kit, singer) and master playing 2-3 Songs that use the Axis of Awesome chord progression- I, IV, V, VI. As a group, pupils will arrange these songs, choosing elements such as strumming, fills, comping and simple riffs.

French

This term in French, pupils will build on their language skills by learning to talk about their homes and rooms, as well as making healthy lifestyle choices — including what they eat, drink and the activities they do to stay healthy.

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 and Mathematics. All work should be completed and **returned to school on the Friday of the same week.** Please sign your child's reading record daily – only do so when you think it is of an acceptable standard.

Science

'Earth and Space' - Pupils will learn about the planets and stars in the Solar System. They will learn how the seasons are affected by the movement of the Earth around the Sun.

'Life Cycles' - In Life Cycles, Pupils will learn about reproduction in plants and animals. As scientists, they will carry out, plan and conduct Investigations using various scientific skills.

You can help your child by...

Supporting your child in completing their home learning to a high standard and bringing it in on time.
Taking interest in their 20 minutes of reading by listening to them and testing their comprehension.
Helping to research and collect information linked to History/Geography/ Science.

Swimming

5S swimming will continue every Friday until 13th February 2025 at Willesden Sports Centre. Then, 5W will begin on 27th February until 17th July. Please ensure your child has proper swimwear – girls must wear an all-in-one costume and boys **must wear swimming shorts or swimming trunks.** All children **must** have a swimming cap. **Deodorants, creams or shampoos are not allowed.** Please ensure your child has a and school swim bag for their kit. This can be purchased from the school office.