



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term 2026 curriculum information for parents.

Classes: 4K and 4S

Teachers: Mr Keenan and Miss Savage

Mathematics

- Place value of numbers with four digits
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Finding 1000 more or less than a given number
- Reasoning with 4 digit numbers
- Roman Numerals
- Addition and subtraction mentally using column method
- Multiplication and division using formal written methods

Home learning

Home learning will be given on a Friday and should be returned to school on the following Friday.

Home learning will consist of spellings, times tables (tested weekly) Maths, English and talk homework. Additional homework and research may be provided to support learning across the curriculum.

Reading Record

Your child also needs to read for 20 minutes daily. Reading records should be brought in daily and a short comment completed by your child. Parents should assist with reading. See reading record for additional support.

English

In Autumn 1 we will be studying 'The Boy At The Back Of The Class' by Onjali Q. Raúf.

We will be exploring:

- Setting descriptions
- Letters
- Narrative

In Autumn 2 we will be studying various Greek Myths.

We will be exploring:

- Instructions
- Narrative writing
- Structured poetry writing

Science

In Autumn 1, the science topic will be 'Eating and Digestion'. We will be learning about the digestive system and the role of each tooth.

In Autumn 2, the science topic will be 'States of Matter'. Children will explore solids, liquids and gases. Pupils will conduct experiments to expand their scientific understanding and to develop their investigation skills.

Religious Education

In the autumn 1, pupils will learn that Abraham is a central figure in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, recognised as a model of faith in one God. In Autumn 2, pupils will learn about the prophet Elijah, his call for Israel to return to God, his miracles, and his encounter with God in the gentle breeze.

Caritas

Children to develop an understanding of the Catholic Social Teachings. Pupils will look at Caritas in Action to help guide their moral compass on how to live out our faith in the world.

RSHE Pupils will explore the individual. Children will develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships. Children will learn to celebrate similarities and differences, and to appreciate and look after their bodies as gifts from God. Children will also learn about the physical and emotional changes during puberty.

Computing This term the topics will be Online Safety and Composing Beats. Children will be using the Chromebooks to explore programming on Purple Mash and how to stay safe online.

History Pupils will be studying 'Anglo Saxons', exploring who they were and where they came from. Pupils will study archaeological evidence and ask and answer questions based on their learning.

Geography We will be studying 'Europe' exploring Europe by identifying the countries, rivers and seas. Pupils will also develop their map reading skills.

DT In Autumn 1, the children will be designing and creating their own pencil cases.

Art In Autumn 2, the children will be learning about Seurat and the art technique of Pointillism.

P.E This term, Year 4 children will build on their basketball skills by developing teamwork and game awareness, while refining their gymnastics with greater fluency, balance and precision.

Music Children will learn about drumming traditions with a special focus on African percussion instruments such as Djembe, Djun Djun, Congas, Bongos, Shekere and claves.

French By the end of this unit pupils will have the knowledge and skills to present both orally and in written form about the pets they have and/or do not have in French. They will move from 1st person singular to 3rd person singular verb usage so they are able to say what the pet is called and use conjunctions more confidently.

You can help your child by...

Attend the **Meet the Teacher Presentation for parents on Thursday 10 September at 3:15pm**

Children will need to bring their own stationery to school, this should include: **Soft pencil case, 2 HB pencils, Rubber, Sharpener, Green biro pen, Berol handwriting pen- blue (if on a pen licence), Small ruler, Highlighter pen, Dry wipe marker, Colouring pencils and Glue Stick.**

Help your child to complete their home learning to a high standard and hand it in on time. Please label your child's uniform (including P.E) so that property can be returned if lost. Provide a piece of fruit for your child each day. Ensure your child learns their spellings, reads and practices times tables weekly.

Please use our website for links and look in your child's reading record for additional support resources. Below are some helpful websites to aid learning:

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

www.mymaths.com

www.purplemash.com

PE kits will be sent home every Friday to be washed and should be returned each cleaned Monday ready for the week's lessons.