



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term 2026 curriculum information for parents.

Classes: 5S & 5M

Teachers: Mr McSherry & Ms McIlvenny

This term we will be learning about:

Mathematics

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Word problems
- Multiplication and division
- Factors, multiples, prime numbers
- Converting units of measure
- Perimeter
- Volume and Area
- <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

English

- Fiction / Non-fiction Texts
- Conjunctions
- Openers for sentences
- Grammar/Spelling/Punctuation
- Planning skills
- Character and setting descriptions
- Handwriting
- Reading Comprehension skills
- Shared reading sessions

Religious Education In autumn term 1, in the topic 'Creation and Covenant', pupils will learn about Moses, focusing on two key events: his encounter with God at the burning bush and the giving of the Ten Commandments. In autumn term 2, in the topic 'Prophecy and Promise' pupils learn how Israel's first kings, Saul and David, were chosen, and how David—a humble shepherd from Bethlehem—was called to be a different kind of king. They explore how David's role as a caring, shepherd king points forward to Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Caritas Children to develop an understanding of the Catholic Social teachings which highlights the importance of valuing human life and relationships, including social interactions.

Computing 'Online Safety' - Children will explore how to keep themselves safe online using SMART rules.

'Coding' - Children will plan and create algorithms using the '2Code' program.

History 'Ancient Greece' - Pupils will be studying aspects of the historical and cultural background of this civilisation, and its impact on the modern world, using a variety of sources.

Geography 'The United Kingdom' - Pupils will study the Geography of the United Kingdom. They will use atlases and explore the UK's physical and human geography.

RSHE Children will develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships. Pupils will learn that celebrating differences between people is enriching to a community and know that their self-confidence should arise from being loved by God. They will learn about the physical changes that boys and girls go through during puberty and how they should respect and take care of their bodies as gifts from God.

Art Pupils will explore Viking Art.

DT Pupils will have the opportunity to explore fashion using textiles.

P.E Pupils will develop their skills in football and basketball, when they will be focussing on dribbling, passing and defence and attack tactics.

Music Pupils will explore musical compositions using the guitar. Focus will be on notation, chords and symbols. Pupils will listen to, and interact with music from a wide historical and geographical background, comparing and contrasting how musical elements are used in a variety of historical periods, social contexts and varying musical traditions.

French Romans-Through the medium of this familiar period of history, pupils will be taught the skills to understand slightly longer and more complicated text in French. Pupils will learn to 'gist' read, listen and understand more by using cognates and more familiar language to decode unknown language.

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, Mathematics and handwriting. All work should be completed and **returned to school on the Friday of the same week.**

Please sign your child's reading record daily.

Science

'Viking Science' - Pupils will learn about Viking food production and micro-organisms.

'The properties and Changes of Materials' - We will also compare and contrast the properties and use of different materials.

As Scientists, we will carry out, plan and conduct investigations using various scientific skills throughout each topic.

You can help your child by...

Attend the **Meet the Teacher Presentation** for parents with your child's class teacher on **Tuesday 15th September 3:15-3:45 for both classes in Y5.**

Supporting your child in completing their home learning to a high standard and bringing it in on time.

Labelling your child's clothes and PE kit with their full name and current class so that property can be returned if lost.

Swimming

5S swimming will begin on Friday 11th September and continue every Friday until 12th February 2027 at Willesden Sports Centre. 5M will attend swimming sessions from 26th February 2027 - 16 July 2027. Please ensure your child has proper swimwear - girls must wear an all-in-one costume and boys **must wear swimming trunks**. All children **must** have a swimming cap. Please purchase a school yellow swim bag from the reception office.

Deodorants, creams or shampoos are not allowed.

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

Children are to bring in their own stationary for school - list as follows: **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.**