



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Diocese of Clifton

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School! I hope you have had a restful and relaxing summer. The Year 3 children have settled in very well, and have shown a remarkable amount of kindness to their peers. They have managed amazingly through some very busy days and are obviously feeling very well-rested and ready to learn! A great deal of enthusiasm has been shown for our DT project, making containers for snacks to have at the circus. A thank you also for providing your child with the correct uniform for the year. They are all looking incredibly smart!

On that note - could you please ensure that all articles of your child's clothing are named (including coats, bags and PE kits). Unnamed items that children cannot identify will go straight to the lost property.

Our first topic for the year will be 'This is Me' (links to our Circus visit) for one week, closely followed by 'Planet Earth' for the remainder of the term. The children will be completing their first DT unit for 'This is Me', which will specifically focus on using paper and card to make recyclable containers for food at a circus. They will be planning, making and evaluating these projects (and eventually taking them home). I have also attached a copy of our 'Topic Web', detailing the learning areas we will cover this term.

Within our God Matters lessons this term we will be looking at baptism. If possible could you please send in (either a paper copy or an email) a photo of your child at their own baptism. Any photo you can find will be lovely - we are going to use these to talk about why we are baptised and its importance in welcoming us into God's family.

PE will continue to be on a Friday this year. Please make sure your child arrives in their school PE kit on a Friday so that they can make the most of their PE time.

Homework will continue to be set weekly in Literacy or Numeracy homework along with spellings. This will commence next week. Homework will be set on a Friday and due in on a Wednesday so it can be marked. Please note that if homework is handed in late it may not be marked in time. All homework will continue to be set on TEAMS - please speak to me directly if you have any issues accessing your child's account. As per last year, spellings will be set based on rules learnt throughout the week. It is expected that your child practices for the test, which will be every Thursday. Their scores will be monitored throughout the year. Children will be bringing their spelling books home weekly so you can view their progress. Please do not use the spelling books for practicing - these are for tests only.

At St Joseph's we really value the importance of daily reading at home. We will continue to reward those children who read five times a week with a reading point, awarded on your child's guided reading day. Books will continue to be changed on your child's guided reading day. Please remind your child at drop off in the morning if they need to change a book they have read.

Please also note that as your child is now in KS2 they no longer receive a free snack at break time. You are welcome to send your child in with a healthy snack to enjoy at break instead (such as fruit).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to being your child's Class Teacher!

Yours sincerely,

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Miss Emily Drury
Year 3 Teacher