

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



'Treat others the way you want to be treated.'

Matthew 7:12

12/1/24

Dear Family,

We've had a great week here in school. The children have enjoyed starting their new Spring term topics. Today we have sent home their topic webs for this term, which includes the full set of objectives that will be delivered during the next ten weeks of this term. We have also sent home knowledge organisers for your child's topics. These knowledge organisers will help prepare the children for their learning and spark their interest, to ensure they are motivated and committed to fully engage with their history and geography topics.

This information can also be downloaded from your child's class page on the school website.

Maths

- Perimeter**
- Work out perimeters of regular and irregular polygons
- Times Tables**
- Understand patterns between 3, 6 and 9 times tables
 - Using times table and division facts to solve problems
 - Recall multiplication and division facts up to 12x12
- Multiplicative Reasoning**
- Understand what happens when we multiply and divide by 10 and 100
 - Understand and apply the distributive law
- Coordinates**
- Give directions from one position to another
 - Draw polygons specified by coordinates in the first quadrant
 - Describe translations of polygons

History

Why did the Romans settle in Britain?
We will explore the meaning of empire and invasion and explain why the Romans needed a powerful army. We will be able to explain how the Roman army was organised and perform simple manoeuvres and drills as well as understand the consequences of the Roman invasion of Britain.

Geography

Where does our food come from?
We will identify that different foods grow in different biomes and explore both the positive and negative impacts of food production and distribution. We will describe the intentions around trading responsibly and describe the journey of a cocoa bean. We will identify and locate countries on a map and use a scale bar to measure approximate distances.

P.E.

Gymnastics
We will be learning and perform 6-element sequences with partners and groups using compositional ideas.

Athletics

We will be exploring different ways to run, jump and throw and learning how to accelerate over short distances. We will also learn to use a sling action to throw a discus.

RE

Local Church: Community
Life in the local Christian community, ministries in the parish

Islam: The Qur'an
We will learn about the importance of The Qur'an and its key messages

Eucharist: Giving and Receiving
Living in communion

Lent/Easter – Self Discipline
The family of God in scripture

Values: Compassionate & Loving and Faith-filled & hopeful

Spanish

We will be talking to our friends about our hobbies and our favourite lessons, giving reasons why. We will also be learning to ask our friends about their hobbies too.
Revision: The stationary and resources we use in school for learning.

Arc De Triomphe Class: Year 4 – Spring 2024



Music

Stop! Style: Grime, Classical, Bhangra, Tango, Latin Fusion
Listen & appraise: Gotta Be Me; Rodetzky March; Can't Stop the Feeling; Libertango; Mas Que Nada.

Lean On Me - Style: Gospel Listen & appraise: He Still Loves Me; Shackles; Amazing Grace; Ode To Joy Symphony; Lean On

Computing

Online Safety
We will be learning about how to stay safe online, understand how companies encourage us to buy online and explain what a bot is.

Data Handling
We will log data in a spreadsheet, understand how weather forecasts are made and design an automated machine to respond to sensor data

Art

Painting: We will investigate different ways of applying paint, use tints and shades to give a three-dimensional effect, explore how paint can create very different effects and consider proportion and composition when planning a still-life painting.

English

Reading together time: The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman, Something told the Wild Geese by Rachel Field (Poem)

Grammar and Punctuation: Apostrophes, Speech, Noun phrases, Suffixes

Spelling: words ending in sion, ous, ious, eous, tion, sion, cian. 'I' makes an /ee/ sound.

The Write Stuff Units:
Narrative – Charlie and The Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
Persuasion – An alternative to plastic straws
Speech – Plastic Pollution

PSHE

Dreams and Goals
We will be exploring our hopes and dreams and learn to understand that they don't always come true. We will also learn how to set new plans and goals even if we have been disappointed and learn how to work as part of a successful group.

Healthy Me

We will be learning about different group dynamics and how there are both leaders and followers in groups. We will explore our own roles in groups and how we fit in too.
We will also learn facts about smoking and drinking alcohol and their effects on health.

Science

States of Matter:
We will be classifying materials as solids, liquids or gases by observing their properties. We will also plan a fair test investigation to test ideas about melting ice and collect, interpret and present data about our findings.
We will define melting, boiling, evaporating and condensation and link our learning to our previous geography topic on the water cycle and rivers too.

DT

Mechanical Structure: We will learn to produce an accurate, functioning car chassis and learn how to reduce air resistance through the design of the shape.

CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

In Year 4 art this week, we have been learning how to create tints and shades by mixing whites and blacks with other colours. We are looking forward to using this skill next week to create 3D paintings.

During science, we classified different materials into solids and liquids by observing their properties and using new learned vocabulary such as viscosity and opaque.



States of Matter



KS1 ASSEMBLY!

NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe.



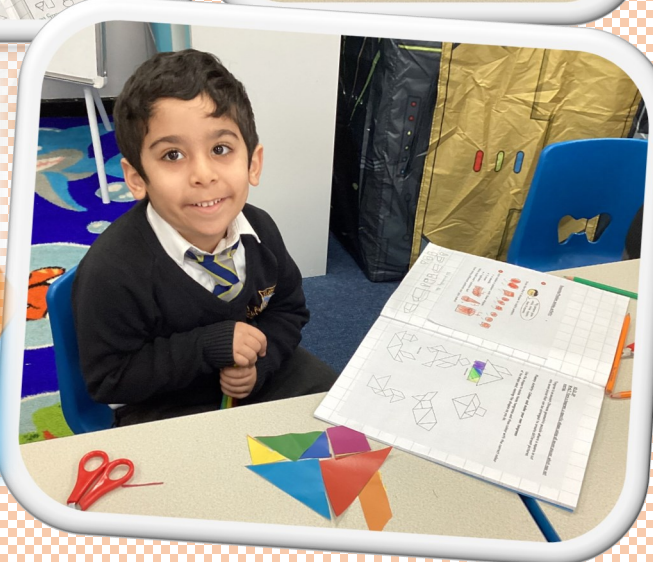
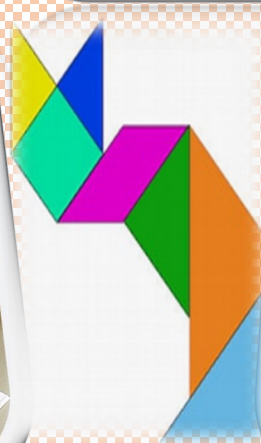
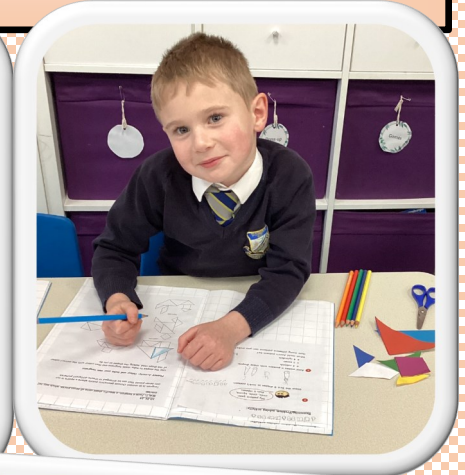
KS2 ASSEMBLY!



During our whole school assembly this week we launched our annual 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme, with both Key Stage 1 and then Key Stage 2. The children took away lots of important information on how to keep themselves safe and we will be completing set activities in classes to reinforce this information.

MORE CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

Big Ben class have been fantastic mathematicians today. As part of our topic on 2d and 3d shapes, the children have been forming tangrams. A tangram is an ancient Chinese geometric puzzle where a square is cut into seven shapes pieces that can be arranged to create different pictures. Super learning Big Ben class!



During their maths learning this week, Liberty Class have used their perceptual subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) in increasingly complex arrangements, moving from dots in a line and arrangements of 2, to a focus on standard dice arrangements. They have then created their own arrangements and matched them to the correct numeral.





A message from Mrs Hodges...

This week in gardening club we celebrated our success of passing the RHS campaign for school gardening's level 1 award! We were excited to receive our certificate, free seeds and beautiful book 'your wellbeing garden' which we have already put to good use when doing our group planning activity to decide what we will grow this year. We used some seed catalogues, a sow/harvest chart and our calendar to write what we will sow, when. We have even made a start on our level 2 award already, the children are very keen! We talked about creating our new squash patch and what we will use to prepare the area. We also made some cress heads to take home today and look forward to seeing those grow! We were amazed to see how much our hyacinth, bluebell, garlic and broad bean plants had grown over the Christmas holiday.



Cooking Club

A message from Miss Sadler...

This week at Cooking Club the children helped to bake Chocolate Chip Muffins. To make our muffins extra light and fluffy, we whisked the eggs before adding our dry ingredients. Once combined, we added chocolate chips and spooned the mixture into muffin cases. The muffins rose beautifully in the oven and were a great success!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A message from our Educational Welfare Officer—Mrs Karen Borthwick...

At St Joseph's School we have high expectations and aspirations for our children, this includes attendance. Our Policy states every child should attend every day that they are required to attend. Our school term time dates are available on the school website for your information.

Holidays should not be taken in term time. Absence for leave in term time may only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The application for leave must be made in advance and in line with our attendance policy. The Head teacher must be satisfied that there are truly exceptional circumstances based on the individual facts and circumstances of the case.

If you have previously been issued with a Penalty Notice from Herefordshire Council, PLEASE NOTE YOU MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITH ANOTHER. Herefordshire Council may take alternative legal proceedings.



We had a fabulous time at the Young Voices 2024 concert on Wednesday evening. The atmosphere was absolutely amazing and the children sang their hearts out! There were over 5000 children in attendance, not including the families that attended too! Thank you so much to all our families who came along to be part such a wonderful experience. It really is a great memory to treasure and the guest performances were so talented and a great inspiration for our children too! Thank you to Mrs Murray for leading this event and Miss Steiner and Miss Sadler for accompanying the children.





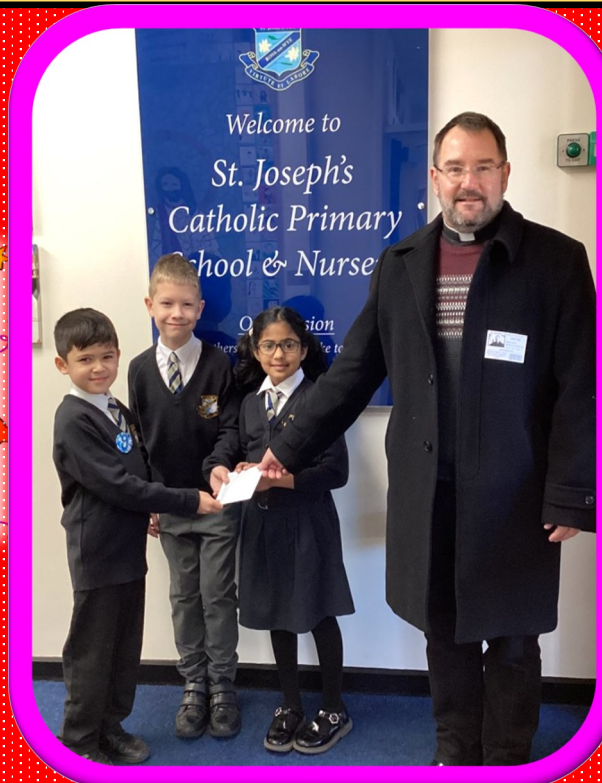
**COMING
SOON!**



It's that time of year again when we start to prepare for our 'St Joseph's Got Talent'—whole school event! This year we will be holding the finals on Tuesday 23rd January, at 1:00 pm in the sports hall. The children are invited to prepare a performance if they would like to, this can be as a solo or as a group. Auditions will take place in their classes and then three acts from each class will be chosen to perform in the finals on 23rd January.

Parents of the finalists are welcome to attend this event, We look forward to our children having the opportunity to showcase their talents!

**thank
you**



A huge thank you to the Ross Educational Foundation St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye and Revd. Sean Semple for their generous donation of £300.00 towards new books for our library. Thanks again, we are truly grateful!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...



Thursday 18 th January	Beginning of term Mass
Friday 19 th January	Year 5 Assembly @ 2:00pm
Tuesday 23 rd January	St Joseph's Got Talent 2024
Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February	Matilda Performance 6:00pm
Thursday 8 th February	Matilda Performance 6:00pm
Friday 9 th February	Valentines Disco—FSJ
Friday 9 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school
Wednesday 20 th February	Year 1 swimming lessons start
Thursday 22 nd February	Parent Voice at 2:00pm
Friday 1 st March	St David's Day celebrations
Friday 1 st March	Year 4 Assembly
Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th March	Parents Evenings- Spring Term
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Year 2 Assembly
Friday 15 th March	Year 3 Assembly
Saturday 16 th March	Herefordshire Schools Swimming Gala
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 2 visiting Community Gardens
Tuesday 19 th March	St Joseph's Feast Day
Thursday 21 st March	End of term Mass
Friday 22 nd March	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 22 nd March	End of term

**NURSERY IN ACTION!
A MESSAGE FROM MRS
LEREGO**

The Nursery children loved their art session with Miss Jenn this week - making cold snow using baking soda and shaving foam!

The children were very excited to play on their new climbing structure in the garden - pulling themselves up on the climbing wall and whizzing down the slide!

We have welcomed a few new children this week - Elsie and Delilah and look forward to getting to know them!





I would like to be created.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



HALF TERM HOLIDAY

12TH - 16TH FEBRUARY

Club

 holidayclub@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk

 01989 564655

Mr Smith and his team are looking forward to hosting our February half term holiday club, they have lots of exciting themed days planned!

As always, places are filling up fast so if you would like to book your child a place, please email the school office.

Special
event

BRACE YOURSELF,
*Exciting
times
ahead!*



Our Year 4 children will be venturing to London on **1st and 2nd July**, for a two night residential, as part of their Geography topic. They will be studying Rivers so it will fit perfectly to be staying on board the HMS Belfast during our visit, which is on the famous River Thames!

To further enhance our children's 'wider personal development', we have an action packed two days in store for the children, including sight seeing around the famous London landmarks and we have secured tickets for the Lion King musical too as an evening treat!

Please be assured thorough risk assessments are carried out before the trip and sent to the Local Authority for approval. We also went with last year's year 4 and are confident the children will absolutely love this experience. We will be holding a parent meeting nearer the time to go through things in more detail including timings, our finalised itinerary, food menus, adults attending and what the children need to.

You are able to download the letter regarding this trip from the letters section of the school website.



Roald Dahl's
Matilda
The Musical



From Monday 15th January tickets will be available to purchase for our Matilda Performances at the Phoenix Theatre in Ross on the following dates:

Wednesday 7th February @ 6:00pm

Thursday 8th February @ 2:00pm

Thursday 8th February @ 6:00pm

Treat others as you would like to be treated!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to Bradley in year 4 who celebrated his 9th birthday on Tuesday 9th January.

Happy Birthday to Andrea in year 1 who turned 6 on 10th January and Izzy K.P in year 6 who also celebrated turning 11 on 10th January.

We wish them all a very happy time celebrating with family and friends!



We will be holding Maths - Mastering Number parent workshops on the following dates:

Monday 22nd January @ 9:00 am - Reception

Monday 29th January @ 9:00 am - Year 1

Monday 5th February @ 9:00 am - Year 2

These workshops, are designed to help you to support your child with their Maths learning. The sessions will be held in the school hall at 9:00am.

LIBERTY	<i>Benji G</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Andrew G</i>
EVEREST	<i>Jessie P</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Amilia C</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Bradley P</i>
MOST CA TUNYA	<i>Luke J</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Rhys W</i>



ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



LIBERTY	96.15%
BIG BEN	91.41%
EVEREST	100%
BLUE LAGOON	94.64%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	94.57%
MOSI OA TUNYA	82.95%
ANGEL FALLS	96.88%

LIBERTY	<i>Sophie A</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Andrea S</i>
EVEREST	<i>Rupert B</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Maddie L</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Ned K</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Amelia E</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>TK Worrall</i>



Mathemagician!



LIBERTY	<i>Anna M Arthur H</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Amaya P Norrie P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Sakura P Defne D</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Jayden T Abby KP</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Jake B Lily Mae A</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Archie D Toby S</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Amelie K Lexi S</i>

LIBERTY	<i>Teddy SS</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Phoebe B</i>
EVEREST	<i>Elia E</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Archie Ba</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Jessie W</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Hugo L</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Daniela G</i>

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

