



Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for all your support in making the start of a new nursery a positive experience for all. The children are settling in really well. Our teaching assistants this year are Mrs Carr, Mrs Ellis, Miss Lee and Mrs Gill. We are excited to welcome Miss Lee and Mrs Gill to our St Joseph's team!

Kit

PE will be taught on Tuesday afternoons by our teaching assistants. Please ensure **that children come to school in their PE kit** on this day. We ask that **children bring their own pair of wellies** and if possible a waterproof suit to keep in school (see photo for example). Each day your child requires a bottle of **water** and a coat, as the weather gets colder please send in a hat and gloves as we do go outside every day. Please **label all your children's belongings** as these can be easily mixed up or lost. We provide a daily morning snack however, if you wish to send your child with a snack please make sure it is healthy e.g fruit/veg/crackers etc.



Outdoor Learning

We recognise the importance of being outdoors and developing children's understanding of the natural world. The Autumn term is always filled with lots of excitement. During this term we will be focusing on what makes Autumn special and observing the changes around us in our beautiful school grounds. We will be collecting lots of outdoor items to help with our learning such as pinecones, conkers, acorns, leaves and twigs. You can do the same at home!



Religious Education

RE learning begins in Nursery at St Joseph's. In RE we have 3 focus topics as we look forward to Christmas:

Topic 1: Myself

Topic 2: Welcome

Topic 3: Birthdays

Phonics

Phonics is an integral part of the children's learning at school. During nursery, children will experience Phase 1 teaching which involves developing a variety of listening skills. I will be providing a video presentation in the next few weeks to explain how phonics works at St Joseph's and how you can help your child progress at home.

English

At St Joseph's we teach English through Talk for Writing. Children become great storytellers through learning and performing a variety of different stories. A love of reading is encouraged throughout our school. Children are given daily opportunities to explore books and have a dedicated story time each day.

Maths

We follow the White Rose Maths and Numberblocks programmes which allow children to develop a deep understanding of number and pattern. Daily counting at home will be beneficial for all children.

Home Learning

When phonics teaching begins, Reception are asked to read with adults and **practice their daily phonics sound** as often as possible. There will be an **RE and Topic based Knowledge Organiser** given to children in a pink home learning book. Any work completed at home can go in this book.

Class Dojo

Thank you for joining Class Dojo. This is a great app for sharing the children's learning. If you have any queries, please feel free to message me and I will get back to you as soon as possible from the hours 8am-5pm. Please note **that if your child is ill or there is an emergency you must ring the office directly.**

I look forward to getting to know you and your children more as the weeks progress.



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Best wishes,

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