

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Year 4 – Spring Term (1st half)



Hello,

We hope you had a good half term break and are ready for a packed half term! Please see our topic web to see what we will be learning this half-term and note the dates below.

### Year 4 Home Learning

Home work will be set on Google Classroom. If you have difficulty with this, please come and see me.

Subject	Sent home	Due in	Frequency
Times tables	On Going	Ongoing	Weekly
Maths Flex	On going	Ongoing	Weekly
Topic – see menu	Every half term	As required	As required
Reading	We expect the children to read at home daily for a minimum of 20 minutes. Books can be changed when finished and quizzed on. Please make sure that you regularly read with your child and discuss the books that they are reading. Please note: it is important to question your child about what they have read e.g. How do you think Tess felt when she left the house? Why? These open questions require children to use evidence from the text to support their judgements. It would also be useful if you could ask your child to collect new/unknown words from their book, find their meaning and share them with the class. Please write in their reading journals when you have listened to them read or when you have read to them – both are important!		

### Reminders

School lunch and snacks	Year 4 children can order a school lunch daily. Please order and pay on ParentPay. Orders can be placed up until 8am on the day, after this time you will need to make alternative arrangements. We promote healthy eating at school and so lunch boxes should not contain more than one chocolate snack and one packet of crisps. Children are welcome to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for a snack at break time. <b>We are a nut free school.</b> We have children with potentially fatal nut allergies in school, therefore no food containing nuts may be sent into school.
Drinks	Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water, no juice or fizzy is allowed.
Uniform	Grey trousers or shorts, or grey skirt or pinafore dress, black, white or grey socks, black or grey tights, white polo shirt, green logo school sweatshirt or cardigan. Warm weather option – green and white gingham dress (dress with shorts instead of skirt is acceptable). Please ensure all uniform is clearly named. Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows.

	Nail varnish is not allowed. School shoes must be black and no heels, trainers or boots.
PE Kit	Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers. All kit must be named and in a named bag. <b>Ear rings (single stud only) must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons (please send in tape with your child if they require it).</b> Watches must be removed for PE. PE kit should be worn into school on PE days – Tuesday and Thursday.
Bags and equipment	Children can have a bag or rucksack in school but please avoid the large bulky ones as 30 rucksacks take up a lot of room in the class. All writing equipment needed is provided at school so please could you encourage your child to leave pencil cases at home – we do not have space to keep them safely in school. Also, please ensure that children are not bringing in toys from home – they are causing upset and distraction.
Mornings	School starts promptly at 8.55am. Your child will be greeted at the class door by an adult at 8.50am. Please only pass on quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment. Children and parents arriving after 8.55am will be asked to sign in at the office.
After school	School finishes at 3.30pm. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child, please ensure the office has their details. We will not let them leave unless we are sure they are safe.
Contact details	Please ensure your contact details and those of other people who may collect your child are always kept up to date. Please see the office ASAP if you change your phone number or address.

**Teaching assistants:** The teaching assistants who may be working with your child this half term are Miss Cowdrey and Miss Weston.

**Dates for the diary:**

- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4 Forest School

**RSHE**

If you have any questions about what we will be teaching in RSHE lessons, please feel free to send an email to [admin@stjo.uk](mailto:admin@stjo.uk) which will be passed on to me or catch me after school.

There is an online parent platform so that you, as parent and carers, can engage with the teaching and deepen the experience for your child. For access to the online parent platform please visit: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

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We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so I am available at the start and end of the day if you need to pass on any messages. However, if you would like a longer chat please make an appointment with one of us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jukes and Mrs Owens